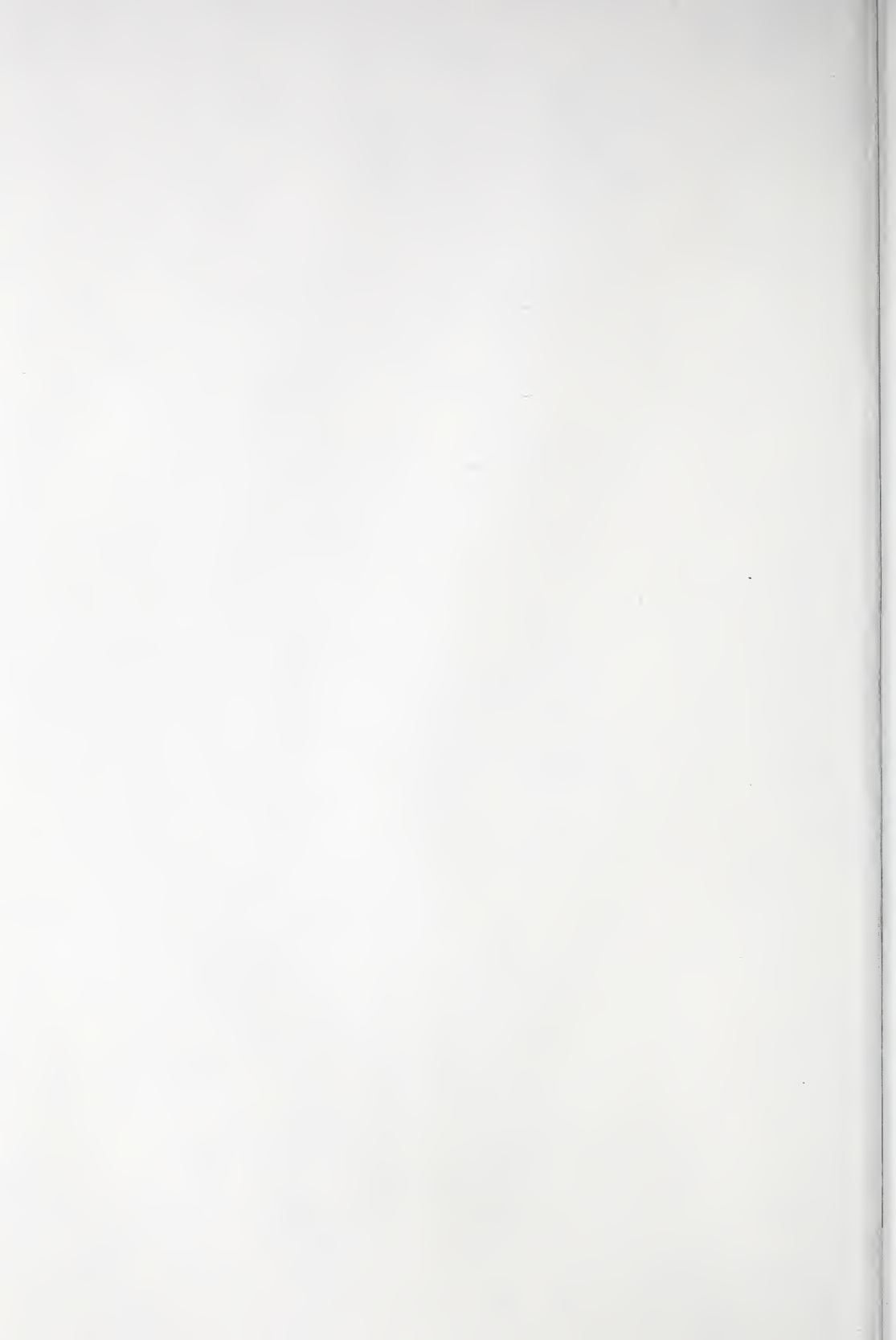






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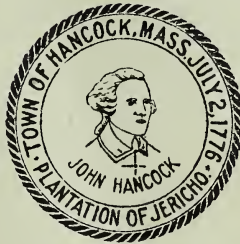




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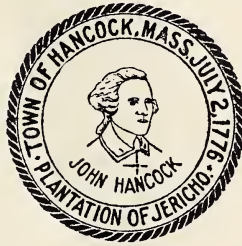


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# OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF HANCOCK

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## Town Clerk

PERRY WHITMAN

## Selectmen

Board of Health

## Board of Public Welfare—Old Age Assistance

JOHN WHITMAN, 1952

HENRY BLAIR, 1953

HOWARD CHRISTIANSEN, 1954

## Assessors

C. W. CONKLIN, 1952

HOWARD WHITMAN, 1953

HENRY RODDA, 1954

## Road Superintendent

HENRY BLAIR

## Constable

ALLEN TOWNE

## School Committee

DOROTHY LEAB, 1952

CHARLES McDONALD, 1953

ERNEST MAYNARD, 1954

## Library Committee

ISABEL CONKLIN, 1952

RUTH G. WHITMAN, 1953

HELENA CHRISTIANSEN, 1954

## Auditor

LEON H. ROBERTS, JR.

## Forest Warden

WILLIAM WHITMAN

## Treasurer and Collector

JENNIE G. WHITMAN

**Moth Superintendent**  
WILLIAM WHITMAN

**Inspector of Slaughter**  
MARK GOULD

**Animal Inspector**  
HOWARD CHRISTIANSEN

**Sealer of Weights and Measures**  
WILLIAM WHITMAN

**Cemetery Committee**  
ERNEST MAYNARD, 1952  
H. EDGAR WHITMAN, 1953 FLOYD BARBER, 1954

**Tree Warden**  
ROBERT BLAIR

**Finance Committee**  
JOHN C. SMITH, JR., 1952  
PERRY G. WHITMAN, 1953 LOUIS J. DEE, 1954

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**JURY LIST**

ROBERT G. BLAIR  
WALTER S. COOKE  
H. EDGAR WHITMAN  
HENRY O. RODDA

LOUIS J. DEE  
GEORGE S. LOVE  
GEORGE H. HADSELLE  
CLARENCE W. BREWER

## WARRANT

Berkshire, ss.

Annual Town Meeting, Monday, February 4, 1952. To Allen Towne, Constable of the Town of Hancock, Mass.

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Hancock qualified to vote in election and in Town affairs to meet in the Town Hall in said Hancock on Monday, February 4, 1952, at 9 o'clock a. m. and there to act on the following articles, viz.:

First—To choose the following Town Officers:

- One Moderator for one year.
- One Town Clerk for one year.
- One Selectman for three years.
- One Assessor for three years.
- One Collector and Treasurer for one year.
- One Auditor for one year.
- One Library Trustee for three years.
- One Tree Warden for one year.
- One Cemetery Committee for three years.
- One Constable for one year.
- One School Committee for three years.
- One Finance Committee for three years.

Note—The following articles will not be acted upon until 10.30 o'clock.

Second—To hear the report of the Selectmen and other town officers and act thereon.

Third—To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning Jan. 1, 1952 and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 14, General Laws.

Fourth—To see if the Town will accept the list of Jurors as made out and posted by the Selectmen.

Robert G. Blair  
H. Edgar Whitman  
Clarence W. Brewer  
Charles Christiansen

George S. Love  
Louis J. Dee  
Henry O. Rodda  
Perry A. Whitman

Fifth—To see what the Town will vote to pay elected officers for the year 1952.



Sixth—To see if the Town will increase the salary of the Moderator by twenty dollars (\$20), requested by Wayne D. Hunter. *10.00 (summed down)*

Seventh—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand five hundred fifty-two dollars (\$2,552.00) or any other sum for Town Officers' Salaries. *0.2-*

Eighth—To see if the Town will appoint a committee of three to investigate ways to improve the telephone service by having all the telephones within the town limits under one exchange, requested by Wayne D. Hunter. *(summed down)*

Ninth—To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint one of its members as Superintendent of Streets, to the Board of Public Welfare and Old Age Assistance and Aid to Dependent Children, and Inspector of Animals. Salary or remuneration to be fixed in the above vote.

Tenth—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00) or any other sum for Memorial Day and to select one to take charge of same. *0.2-*

Eleventh—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand four hundred and five dollars (\$1,405.00) or any other sum as requested by the State Department to be used under Chapter 81.

Twelfth—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,500.00) or any other sum for removing snow and care of winter roads and snow fence.

Thirteenth—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of eight hundred dollars for Chap. 90 Maintenance or any other sum.

Fourteenth—To see if the Town will appropriate \$500.00 or any other sum from the Free Cash in the Treasury for Chap. 90 Construction.

Fifteenth—To see what the Town will vote to pay Town Laborers. *(1.00 per hour)*

Sixteenth—To see what the Town will vote to pay Highway Superintendent.

Seventeenth—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,250.00 or any other sum for Disability Assistance.

Eighteenth—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$200.00 or any other sum for Administration of Disability Assistance.

Nineteenth—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate four thousand two hundred dollars (\$4,200.00) or any other sum for Aid to Dependent Children. *0.2-*

Twentieth—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) for the administration expenses of Aid to Dependent Children.

Twenty-first—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate one thousand three hundred dollars (\$1,300.00) or any other sum for Board of Public Welfare.

Twenty-second—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate four thousand five hundred dollars (\$4,500.00) or any other sum for Old Age Assistance.

Twenty-third—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or any other sum for the Administration expense of Old Age Assistance.

Twenty-fourth—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate two hundred sixty dollars (\$260.00) or any other sum for Workman's Liability Insurance.

Twenty-fifth—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) or any other sum for a Doctor as a member of our Board of Health. *O.S.*

Twenty-sixth—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or any other sum for the building fund of a new Central School, from the Free Cash in the Treasury.

Twenty-seventh—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of nineteen thousand nine hundred six dollars (\$19,906.00) for Schools or any other sum. *O.S.*

*X* Twenty-eighth—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate three hundred dollars (\$300.00) or any other sum for books and maintenance of Library and grounds. Also the dog fund \$182.65. *O.S.*

Twenty-ninth—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate four hundred fifty dollars (\$450.00) or any other sum for upkeep of Cemetery.

Thirtieth—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate one hundred dollars (\$100.00) or any other sum for Forest Fires and equipment.

Thirty-first—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200.00) or any other sum for Contingent Expenses.

Thirty-second—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) or any other sum to be used by the Tree Warden.

Thirty-third—To see if the Town will vote to appropriate one thousand four hundred dollars (\$1,400.00) from the Overlay surplus account for the Reserve Fund.

Thirty-fourth—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) or any other sum for Board of Health.

Thirty-fifth—To see if the Town will appropriate two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) or any other sum for the maintenance, operation and housing of the Fire Engine.

Thirty-sixth—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of forty dollars (\$40.00) for 4-H Club work.

Thirty-seventh—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) for Community Christmas and appoint a Committee to have charge of same or take any action thereon.

Thirty-eighth—To see if the Town will vote to appropriate ten thousand eight hundred dollars (\$10,800.00) to provide for the State's and County's shares of the cost of Chapter 81 and 90 highway work, said sum to be restored to free cash upon receipt of the reimbursements from the State and County.

Thirty-ninth—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate two hundred forty-four dollars and eighty-six cents (\$244.86) or any other sum as requested by the Berkshire County Commissioners for retirement board expense.

Fortieth—To see if the Town will raise one hundred seven dollars and seventy-four cents or any other sum for Dutch Elm Disease control.

Forty-first—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate two hundred sixty-four dollars (\$264.00) or any other sum for street lights.

Forty-second—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate two hundred fifteen dollars and forty-eight cents (\$215.48) for Gypsy Moth Control Work as required under Mass. General Laws, Chap. 132.

Forty-third—To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Free Cash in the Treasury the following sums to pay unpaid bills—Old Age Assistance \$1,150.17; Dept. Public Welfare \$3,750.00.

Forty-fourth—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$153.00 or any other sum for the Red Cross, requested by the Red Cross Committee.

Forty-fifth—To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$800.00 or any other sum for preparation and plans for the School building, requested by the Central School Building Committee.

Forty-sixth—To see if the Town will vote to retain the present Central School Committee in force for another year, requested by the Central School Building Committee.

Forty-seventh—To see if the Town will vote to raise \$10.00 or any other sum of money and appoint an official to make a copy of the Tax Valuations on Real Estate and leave in a public place available to all, requested by Mrs. George Whitman. *D. J. Whitman*  
*Give notice to make the copy.*

Forty-eighth—To see if the Town will vote to hold the Annual Business meeting in the evening beginning at 7.30 P. M. instead of during the day as at present, requested by Charles J. McDonald.

Forty-ninth—To see if the Town will vote to take for the purposes of a public way an easement in, over and upon a strip of land 24 feet wide, commencing at the northerly end of Taylor Lane and approximating the course of the present travelled way from the end of Taylor Lane to the back door yard of the house now owned and occupied by Florence Chittenden, requested by Florence Chittenden.

Fiftieth—To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

And the Selectmen give notice that the polls will be closed at 6.30 o'clock p. m. and you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting at least two attested copies thereof in public places in Town at least seven days before said meeting—hereof fail not and make due returns of your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of the meeting aforesaid.

HENRY BLAIR  
JOHN WHITMAN  
HOWARD CHRISTIANSEN

*Selectmen of Hancock*

ALLEN TOWNE  
*Constable*



**SELECTMEN'S REPORT****OFFICERS' SALARIES**

William Whitman, Sealer	\$ 12 00
Henry Blair, Moderator	5 00
William Whitman, Assessor	17 30
Henry Blair, Chairman of Selectmen	230 00
C. W. Conklin, Assessor	230 00
Henry Blair, Animal Inspector	100 00
Allen Towne, Constable	40 00
John D. Whitman, Selectman	180 00
Mark Gould, Inspector of Slaughter	90 00
Perry A. Whitman, Town Clerk	125 00
H. D. Sharp, Selectman	17 30
Howard Whitman, Assessor	180 00
Jennie G. Whitman, Auditor	9 00
Johannah Hadselle, Collector and Treasurer	75 00
Henry Rodda, Assessor	162 70
Jennie G. Whitman, Treasurer and Collector	525 00
L. H. Roberts, Jr., Auditor and making report	45 00
Doris Neumeister, Auditor	41 00
Howard Christiansen, Selectman	162 70

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 \$2,247 00

Appropriated	\$2,252 00
Expended	2,247 00
Balance	<hr/> \$ 5 00

**ROAD WORK AND MATERIALS****Chapter 81**

Appropriated	
Town	\$1,405 00
State	7,700 00
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	\$9,105 00
Expended	9,100 31
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Balance	\$4 69

**Snow and Winter Roads**

Appropriated	\$2,500 00
Transferred Special Town Meeting	705 70
Reserve Fund	811 20
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	\$4,016 90
Expended	\$4,016 90



**Chapter 90—Construction**

State	\$2,000 00
County	1,000 00
Town	1,000 00

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 \$4,000 00

Expended	\$4,000 00
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**Chapter 90—Maintenance**

Appropriated	
State	\$ 800 00
County	800 00
Town	800 00

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 \$2,400 00

Expended	2,399 92
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Balance	\$ 08
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**Flood**

State	\$14 95
Expended	\$14 95

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**Labor and Trucks**

Henry Blair, Superintendent	\$2,250 50
John Kalinsky, labor	1,461 50
Robert Blair, labor	394 00
Floyd Barber, labor	390 00
George Eichenauer, labor	869 00
Harvey Lapier, labor	809 00
Saul Love, labor	24 00
George S. Love, labor	4 00
Russell Whitman, labor and team	368 00
M. Ketchum, team	35 00
F. Gaskolka, labor	27 60
Wayne Bentley, labor	24 00
Ernest Maynard, labor	148 00
Henry Rodda, truck and labor	189 00
J. Ahlert, labor	58 50
Charles Lapier, labor	151 00
Mark Gould, labor	5 00

Martha Balcom, labor	\$ 4 00
Mabel Rockwell, labor	8 00
Wilson Williams, tractor and labor	25 00
Russell Whitman, Jr., labor	2 00
Henry Blair, trucks	1,841 00
Reuben Johnson, trucks	694 00
Harvey Alderman, truck and labor	1,828 00
Harry D. Sharp, tractor and labor	504 50
M. Pitko, labor	26 40
C. S. Ferry, labor	18 40
H. Edgar Whitman, labor	4 00
Berkshire Mill Supply, calcium	254 94
McClintock Chevrolet, supplies	2 45
Checkerboard Co., salt	110 70
Oscar Dodge, labor and dynamite	419 10
Osgood Estate, gravel	19 00
John Griffin, gravel	11 00
C. S. Ferry, lumber	14 83
N. E. Metal Culvert Co., culverts	170 76
Henry Blair, paint, salt and salt spreader	29 51
Potter Grain Stores, salt	276 00
American Tar Co., asphalt and tar	1,588 26
John S. Lane Co., stone and patch	1,122 95
Ernest Maynard, gravel	120 00
Berkshire Tractor Co., snow blades	49 85
F. Tournier, labor	26 40
I. Thompson, labor	26 40
R. Estes, labor	36 00
B. Niervoda, truck	66 00
F. Williams, truck	60 00
R. Krutiak, truck	77 75
W. Barber, truck	66 00
Town of Windsor	93 60
Town of Dalton, spreader	16 00
L. H. Roberts, labor	72 00
R. Noble, labor	26 40
Jiminy Peak, truck	225 00
W. Sykes, supplies	21 87
C. Courtot, posts	82 50
Hadselle's Store, supplies	5 09
Town of Stephentown, snow plow	50 00
A. Leo Nash, pipe	62 00
R. Leab, gravel	5 00
Bert Bullion, repairs	3 00
Berkshire Gravel Co.	336 77

H. D. Moore, shovel, crane, trucks	\$ 1,635 75
L. H. Sherman, blades	78 20
Carr Hardware Co., supplies	76 10
W. MacVeigh, lumber	16 55
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	\$19,517 13

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### SCHOOLS

Appropriated	\$19,301 00
Expended	19,296 35
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Balance	\$4 65

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### FIRE ENGINE

Northern Berkshire Gas Co., lights	\$12 00
Hadselle's Store, supplies	2 90
Bert Bullion, battery	48 80
William Whitman, labor	60 00
Raymond Carr, parts and labor	34 50
Larabee Fuel Co., fuel	88 81
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Expended	\$247 01
Appropriation	250 00
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Balance	\$2 99

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### BOARD OF HEALTH

Howard Christiansen, Chairman	\$ 25 00
Wayne Bentley, labor	21 00
Robert Leab, rent of dump	150 00
H. D. Sharp	2 00
H. D. Moore, bulldozer	52 00
Hadselle Store, kerosene	3 55
Ernest Maynard, labor	85 00
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Total Expense	\$338 55
Appropriation	\$250 00
Reserve Fund	100 00
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	\$350 00
Expended	338 55
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Balance	\$11 45

**CEMETERY**

John Maynard, labor	\$ 77 00
H. Edgar Whitman, labor	48 00
Floyd Barber, labor	234 50
Eugene Wetherell, labor	16 00
Ernest Maynard, labor	45 00
Harvey Lapier, labor	21 75
George Demary, labor	4 00
Russell Whitman, Jr., labor	8 00
A. Campbell, labor	8 00
W. C. Sykes, supplies	7 33
Hadselle's Store, supplies	10 49
Dan Thompson, repairs and parts, lawn mower	32 60

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 \$512 67

Appropriation	\$450 00
Reserve Fund	65 00
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	\$515 00
Expended	512 67
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Balance	\$2 33

**COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS**

Emma Blair	\$75 00
Appropriation	\$75 00

**DUTCH ELM**

Robert Blair, cutting, trucking and burning	\$60 00
Appropriation	\$75 00
Expended	60 00
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Balance	\$15 00

**EXCISE TAX REFUNDS**

Charles Neumeister	\$23 76
Nick Hetman	5 03
Louis Balcom	2 00
John Brooks	23 42
Dorothy Smith	15 62
H. G. A. Black	2 73
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	\$72 56

**REPAIRS TOWN HALL**

Robert Blair, contract		\$800 00
Appropriation	\$500 00	
Reserve Fund	300 00	

**FOREST FIRES**

William Whitman, labor, use of car and expense		\$58 50
Appropriation	\$150 00	
Expended	58 50	
Balance	\$91 50	

**MEMORIAL DAY**

Geraldine Rancourt		\$50 00
Appropriation	\$50 00	

**4-H CLUB**

Mrs. J. Maston		\$18 00
Mrs. William Whitman		8 00
		\$26 00
Appropriation	\$60 00	
Expended	26 00	
Balance	\$34 00	

**OLD AGE ASSISTANCE****Town Funds**

Appropriation	\$5,500 00
Expended	4,794 30
Transferred	\$705 70
Administration	
Appropriation	\$400 00
Expended	400 00
Old Age Assistance Federal Funds	
Balance December 31, 1950	\$ 41 63
Received Federal Funds	7,142 82
	\$7,184 45
Expended	4,751 57
Balance Federal Funds	\$2,432 88



Administration, Balance Federal Funds, Feb. 10, 1951	\$140 07
Received 1951	46 55
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	\$186 62
Expended	71 41
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Balance Dec. 30, 1951	\$115 21

**DEPT. OF PUBLIC WELFARE**

Appropriation	\$2,000 00
Expended	2,000 00

**A.D.C. Federal Administration**

Balance Federal Funds	\$24 37
Received	11 87

Expended	\$36 24
Expended	10 00

Balance Dec. 31, 1951	\$26 24
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A. D. C. Administration	
Town Appropriation	\$150 00
Expended	150 00

**AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN**

Balance Federal	\$ 64 96
Received Federal Funds	2,153 28

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	\$2,218 24
Expended	1,881 26

Balance Dec. 31, 1951	\$336 98
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Town Funds	
Appropriation	\$1,600 00
Expended	1,600 00

Administration	
Appropriation	\$150 00
Expended	150 00

## LIBRARY

Geraldine C. Conklin Christiansen, librarian and janitor	\$ 24 60
Geraldine Conklin Christiansen, cleaning library	3 00
Mrs. Louise Whitman, librarian and janitor	98 85
Olive Rathbun, path and building fires	8 50
Francis Trottier, care of lawn	6 00
Donald Whitman, care of lawn, path	10 75
Leon Roberts, Jr., installing toilet	3 00
Lawrence Mason, wood	18 00
Northern Gas & Light Co., lights	14 00
England Bros., books	66 52
Harold Hadselle, supplies for cleaning	1 90
Walter Sykes, paint and thinner	14 04
Kenneth H. Conklin, cleaning and painting	50 00
Charles Haylor Christiansen, cleaning and painting	50 00

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Total Expense \$369 16

Appropriation \$200 00  
 Dog Fund 172 20

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\$372 20  
 Expended 369 16

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Balance \$ 3 04

Dues received from books overdue \$ 4 45  
 Expended for book, stamps, cards, kerosene, paper 4 45

Respectfully submitted,

ISABEL B. CONKLIN  
 HELENA CHRISTIANSEN  
 RUTH G. WHITMAN

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 MISCELLANEOUS

M. B. Warner, legal advice	\$ 20 00
Mass. Selectmen's dues	10 00
William Shandoff, supplies	22 55
John Kalinsky, janitor	42 50
Edna Sharp, ballot clerk	14 00
Norma Trottier, ballot clerk	14 00

Emma Blair, ballot clerk	\$ 14 00
Eagle Printing, ballots and supplies	253 87
Jennie G. Whitman, state report	20 00
Stevenson & Co., Town Clerk, Treasurer and Collector bonds	90 50
Dept. Corp. and Taxation, certifying Town Note	2 00
C. Mitchell, safe	35 00
J. A. Hadselle, Treasurer and Collector expense	50 00
Mass. Assessors' Dues	9 00
C. W. Conklin, expense	56 84
Berk. Trust Co., box rent	3 60
Berk. Trust Co., interest	72 78
Hobbs & Warren, supplies	111 87
Russell Whitman, wood	17 00
Taconic Lumber Co., lock	6 50
Ernest Maynard, wood	17 00
Berk. County Selectmen's dues	3 00
Underwood Corp., repairs adding machine	27 50
Jennie Whitman, Treasurer and Collector expense	95 59
Stevenson & Co., insurance for Town Hall	92 64
Mass. Collector's dues	4 00
Mass. Auditor's dues	1 00
Mass. Town Clerk's dues	5 00
Hadselle's Store, supplies	1 41
Joseph Cohen, stamp	70
William Shandoff, cabinet	25 00
H. Blair, Selectmen's expense	118 23
Charles Christiansen, janitor	6 69
W. C. Sykes, stove pipe	10 20
Perry A. Whitman, expense Town Clerk	9 87
Northern Berk. Gas. Co., lights	14 10
H. Blair, keeping books and making Town Report	70 00
Robert Blair, labor and bolts, fire escape Town Hall	4 00
Jennie G. Whitman, typing for Selectmen	20 00
Berk. Trust Co., check books	6 35

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\$1,398 29

Appropriation	\$1,200 00
Reserve Fund	200 00
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	\$1,400 00
Expended	\$1,398 29
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Balance	\$ 1 71

## RECAPITULATION

Officers' Salaries	\$2,247 00
Miscellaneous	1,398 29
Schools	19,296 35
Cemetery	512 67
Library	369 16
Roads and Bridges	19,517 13
Department of Public Welfare	2,000 00
Forest Fires	58 50
Memorial Day	50 00
County Tax	1,949 19
Berkshire County, Dog Licenses	224 00
Dr. L. D. Greene	75 00
Board of Health	338 55
State Parks and Reservations	57 21
Fire Engine	247 01
Community Christmas	75 00
Withholding Tax	1,748 97
Mosquito Control	98 62
Workmen's Insurance	173 80
Old Age Assistance	10,017 18
Aid to Dependent Children	3,641 26
Berkshire County Retirement	224 32
Berkshire County Treasurer—Pension Expense	215 03
Excise Refunds	72 56
School Stabilization Fund	2,000 00
4-H Club	26 00
Eldridge Fund	23 02
Mass. State Audit	72
Berkshire Trust Co., note	10,000 00
Hiram Whitman Fund	30 00
Repairs Town Hall	800 00
Dutch Elm Disease Control	60 00
Tree Warden	25 00
Flood	14 95
Hancock Cemetery Lots Fund	240 00
Mass. Teachers' Retirement	323 40
Check cashed after payment stopped	3 00
Replacement of lost check	27 05
Street Lights	264 00
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	\$78,443 94

## 1951 TOWN RECEIPTS

Balance on Hand	\$9,110 46
Berkshire County, dog fund	172 20
Refund on note	2 00
Unclaimed checks—payment stopped	82 55
Berkshire Trust Co., note	10,000 00
Cascade Paper Co., refund	10 00
Dorothy Leab, stove	3 00
Julia Rodda, reimbursement school transportation	30 00
Commonwealth of Mass., Dept. of Agriculture	50 00
Commonwealth of Mass., reimbursement loss of taxes	2,091 96
Commonwealth of Mass., tuition of children	613 92
Commonwealth of Mass., High School transportation	3,647 10
Commonwealth of Mass., O.A.A.	5,504 74
Commonwealth of Mass., O.A.A., U. S. Grant	7,142 82
Commonwealth of Mass., A.D.C.	1,023 94
Commonwealth of Mass., A.D.C., U. S. Grant	2,153 28
Commonwealth of Mass., O.A.A., U. S. Grant Adm.	46 55
Commonwealth of Mass., A.D.C., U. S. Grant Adm.	11 87
Commonwealth of Mass., O.A.A., meal tax	207 36
Commonwealth of Mass., vocational education	262 50
Commonwealth of Mass., public service franchise	4 02
Commonwealth of Mass., income tax	1,800 78
Commonwealth of Mass., corp. tax	2,010 67
Commonwealth of Mass., school aid	4,133 90
Commonwealth of Mass., Dept. Education	597 33
Commonwealth of Mass., highways	13,499 97
Berkshire County, highways	1,799 97
District Court of Central Berkshire, fines	15 00
Cemetery lots	70 00
Town Clerk, dog licenses	224 00
G. H. Hadselle, common victualer licenses	20 00
Lebanon Mountain Realty Co., common victualer licenses	5 00
Harry D. Sharp, lodging licenses	2 00
Alice Charnow, ice cream license	1 00
John C. Connors, liquor license	500 00
Karl Hanson, liquor license	500 00
Freehoffer & Francis, liquor license	500 00
Karl Hanson, entertainment license	1 00
Karl Hanson, common victualer license	5 00
John Connors, common victualer license	5 00
William Maynard, rent	30 00
Eldridge Cemetery Fund	23 02
Hiram Whitman Fund	30 00



Withholding Tax	\$ 1,748 97
Berkshire County Retirement	224 32
Mass. Teachers' Retirement	323 40
Taxes and interest	35,001 78
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Total Receipts	\$105,242 38
Total Expense	78,443 94
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Cash Balance	\$26,798 44

We have this day settled with the Town Treasurer and find a cash balance of \$26,798.44.

HENRY BLAIR  
HOWARD L. CHRISTIANSEN  
JOHN D. WHITMAN

*Selectmen of Hancock.*

The Selectmen will meet at the Town Hall the second and last Monday of each month for the payment of town bills.

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#### AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have audited the accounts of the town officers and verified the cash and find the same to be correct.

LEON H. ROBERTS, JR.

## 1951 COLLECTOR'S AND TREASURER'S REPORT

	Warrant	Collected	Refunds	Abated	Uncollected
1951 Real Estate	\$19,630 60	\$15,564 17		\$14 35	\$4,052 08
1951 Per. Prop.	7,554 66	6,314 09			1,240 57
1951 Poll	248 00	220 00		10 00	18 00
1951 M. V. Excise	3,194 26	2,651 31	\$62 64*	125 30	480 29
1950 Real Estate	5,540 91	4,897 20			643 71
1950 Per. Prop.	1,744 00	1,722 60		17 40	4 00
1950 Poll	50 00	34 00		14 00	2 00
1950 M. V. Excise	922 50	797 08		109 51	15 91
1949 Real Estate	1,911 25	1,785 69			125 56
1949 Per. Prop.	281 60	267 60		14 00	
1949 M. V. Excise	131 13	121 07		4 07	5 99
1949 Poll	8 00	4 00		4 00	
1948 Real Estate	105 24	69 10			36 14
1948 Per. Prop.	80 73	80 73			
1948 Poll	8 00	2 00		6 00	
1948 M. V. Excise	79 76	71 67		8 09	
1947 Real Estate	39 61	7 65			31 96
1947 Per. Prop.	7 82	7 82			
1947 Poll	6 00			6 00	
1947 M. V. Excise	11 13	11 13			
1946 Real Estate	7 91	7 91			
Interest		364 96			
		<hr/> \$35,001 78			

\*Plus \$7.92 abated, but  
not refunded in 1950.

## TRUST FUNDS

As of December

Reynolds Fund	\$ 244 86
Taylor Library Fund	373 84
Eldridge Fund	1,188 36
Hiram Whitman Fund	415 91
Noah Gardner Fund	127 00
Taylor Cemetery Fund	133 85
Central School Fund	6,127 54
Six Victory Bonds—\$1,000.00	
(Value as of February 10, 1951, \$4,440.00)	
Hancock Cemetery Lots Fund	240 00

Your Tax Collector wishes to take this opportunity to thank the taxpayers for their cooperation in a responsibility which is hard for all, but which all of us share.

To those who do not pay promptly, may I urge that an extra effort be made—not as a favor to your Tax Collector, but as a means of keeping your Town financially strong.

Respectfully submitted,

JENNIE G. WHITMAN,  
*Collector and Treasurer.*

## Trust Funds

Eldridge Fund	
James F. Nelson, repairs to mower	\$23 02
Hiram Whitman Fund	
Floyd Barber, labor	30 00
Workmen's Compensation	
Travelers Ins. Co.	173 80
Appropriation	\$150 00
Reserve Fund	23 80

**ASSESSORS' REPORT****For the Year Ending December 31, 1951**

		All	
Number of persons Assessed	Individuals	Others	Total
On personal estate only	19	6	25
On real estate only	94	5	99
On both real and personal estate	86		86

Total number of persons Assessed	210
Number of polls Assessed	124

**Value assessed personal estate**

Stock in trade	\$11,400 00	
Machinery	97,650 00	
Live Stock	48,060 00	
All other tangible personal property	27,150 00	
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Total value of assessed personal property		\$184,260 00

**Value of assessed real estate**

Land exclusive of buildings	\$201,805 00	
Buildings exclusive of land	276,990 00	
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Total value of assessed real estate		\$478,795 00
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Total value of assessed estate		\$663,055 00

**Tax Rate per \$1,000—\$41.00****Taxes for State, County, and Town purposes including overlay**

On personal estate	\$ 7,554 66	
On real estate	19,630 60	
On pools	248 00	
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Total taxes assessed		\$27,433 26

**Town Appropriations**

Appropriations voted at annual Town Meeting	\$43,672 96	
Special Town Meeting of 1950	5,950 00	
Dog Fund 1951	172 20	
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Total		\$49,795 16

State Tax		
State Parks and Reservation	\$ 74 83	
State Audit	72	
Mosquito Control	166 39	
	<hr/>	\$241 94
County Tax	\$2,158 04	\$2,158 04
Overlay of Current year		1,985 97
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Gross amount to be raised by taxation and estimated receipts		\$54,181 11

**Estimated Receipts**

Income Tax	\$5,214 29	
Corporation Taxes	1,279 50	
Reimbursement on account of public owned land	1,823 28	
Old Age Tax (Meals)	77 02	
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	1,500 00	
Licenses	1,524 00	
Fines	40 00	
Health and Sanitation	50 00	
A.D.C.	741 78	
Old Age Assistance (Other than Federal Grants)	2,598 16	
Schools	5,408 56	
Interest	93 24	
Old Age Assistance Tax (Meals)	67 39	
Gas and Electric Franchise Tax	2 41	
	<hr/>	\$20,419 63
County Tax (over estimate 1950)	\$ 200 32	
Mosquito Control (over estimate 1950)	5 70	
Voted from Available Funds	6,122 20	
	<hr/>	\$ 6,328 22
Total Available Funds		<hr/> \$26,747 85
Total Amount to be Raised by Taxation		\$27,433 26
Received from Polls	\$ 248 00	
Received from Tax on Personal Estate	7,554 66	
Received from Tax on Real Estate	19,630 60	
	<hr/>	\$27,433 26



**Motor Vehicle Excise**

Number of cars assessed	193
Value of cars assessed	\$68,420 00
Excise tax	3,179 89

**Number and Kind of Live Stock Assessed**

Horses (1 year old, or over)	39
Neat Cattle (1 year old or over) Cows (Milch)	300
Bulls 16, Oxen, Yearlings, steers, heifers, 40	57
Swine (6 months old or over)	1
Sheep (6 months old or over)	8
Fowls	775
All others, Goats	5
Number of acres of land assessed	17,261
Number dwelling houses assessed	142

Respectfully submitted,

C. WELLS CONKLIN  
 HOWARD D. WHITMAN  
 HENRY O. RODDA

*Assessors of Hancock*

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

### For the Year Ending December 31, 1951

#### VITAL STATISTICS

##### Marriages

James A. Maston—Marguerite A. Langlois	January 20, 1951
Charles H. Christiansen—Geraldine C. Conklin	August 18, 1951
Francis R. Gagnon—Elizabeth C. Clancy	August 25, 1951
Chandler W. Brown—Frances Glenn Reed Wadlund	August 29, 1951

##### Births

Nancy Lou Southard	January 17, 1951
Susan Eva Hartwell	March 18, 1951
Terry Marvin Gerald Demary	April 21, 1951
Sharon Ruth Koepp	April 22, 1951
Gloria Jean Williams	June 6, 1951
Lauralie Jean MacDonald	August 2, 1951
LeRoy Harvey LaPier	October 9, 1951
Francis Joseph Gagnon	October 26, 1951
Mark Dorman Gould	November 28, 1951
Charles Wells Christiansen	December 10, 1951

##### Deaths

Barbara Slayton Brown	January 22, 1951
Emerald Jones	January 18, 1951
George Edward Hadselle	February 12, 1951
Curtis White	February 21, 1951
Charles E. Kellyhouse	September 20, 1951
LeRoy Harvey LaPier	October 9, 1951

At the close of registration on January 15, 1952 there were two hundred and thirty-eight (238) registered voters in the Town of Hancock.

The 1950 Census of the Town of Hancock was four hundred and forty-five (445).

**Hunting—Fishing—Trapping Licenses 1951**

No. 1	Resident citizen's fishing licenses	15	\$26 25
No. 2	Resident citizen's hunting licenses	40	70 00
No. 3	Resident citizen's sporting licenses	36	108 00
No. 4	Resident citizen's minor and female fishing	8	8 00
No. 5	Resident citizen's minor trapping licenses	0	
No. 6	Resident citizen's trapping licenses	0	
No. 7	Special non-resident fishing licenses	0	
No. 8	Non-resident citizen minor fishing	0	
No. 9	Non-resident citizen's fishing licenses	3	15 00
No. 10	Non-resident citizen's hunting licenses	7	70 00
No. 11	Non-resident citizen's sporting licenses	0	
No. 11	Non-resident citizen's trapping licenses	1	15 00
No. 12	Duplicate licenses	1	50
No. 14	Non-resident Military or Naval sporting	0	
No. 15	Resident citizen's sporting free	5	
No. 16	Resident citizen Military or Naval sporting free	0	
No. 17	Resident citizen fishing Old Age free	2	
		<hr/> 118	<hr/> \$312 75
Paid Division of Fisheries and Game, Boston			\$312 75

**Dog Licenses**

Number of licenses issued	91	
Number of males	58	
Number of females	13	
Number of spayed females	19	
Kennel licenses	1	
Paid Town Treasurer, Dog License		\$224 00

Respectfully submitted,

PERRY A. WHITMAN,

*Town Clerk.*

## REPORT OF AN AUDIT

April 27, 1951

To the Board of Selectmen  
Mr. Henry Blair, Chairman  
Hancock, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Hancock for the period from July 31, 1949 to February 10, 1951, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Herman B. Dine, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,

FRANCIS X. LANG,  
*Director of Accounts.*

Mr. Francis X. Lang  
Director of Accounts  
Department of Corporations and Taxation  
State House, Boston

Sir:

In accordance with your instructions, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Hancock for the period from July 31, 1949, the date of the previous examination, to February 10, 1951, preparatory to transfers of books and accounts and of cash, savings bank books, and securities to the newly elected treasurer and a recommitment of taxes and motor vehicle and trailer excise to the newly elected tax collector, the following report being submitted thereon:

The financial transactions, as entered on the records of the several departments receiving or disbursing town funds or sending out bills for collection, were examined and checked in detail.

The books and accounts of the treasurer were examined and checked in detail. The receipts, as recorded, were analyzed and checked with the departmental records of payments to the treasurer and with the other sources from which money was paid into the town treasury. The payments were checked with the orders approved by the selectmen, the cash book additions were verified, and the cash balance on February 10, 1951 was proved by reconciliation of the bank balance with a statement received from the bank of deposit and by actual count of the cash in the office.

A considerable amount of detailed checking was required in order to prove the payments, which materially added to the cost of the audit.

The records of payroll deductions for federal taxes and the county retirement system were examined and checked. The deductions were listed, the payments to the Collector of Internal Revenue and the county treasurer were verified, and the cash in the general treasury on February 10, 1951 was proved.

The savings bank books and securities representing the investments of trust and investment funds in the custody of the town treasurer were listed and checked, the income being proved and the withdrawals being verified.

The receipts for licenses issued by the selectmen were checked with the records of licenses granted, and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

The receipts of the sealer of weights and measures were checked with the record of work done, and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

The books and accounts of the tax collector were examined and checked in detail. The taxes and excise outstanding at the time of the previous examination and all subsequent commitment lists were audited and compared with the assessors' warrants. The collections, as recorded, were checked with the payments to the treasurer, the recorded abatements were verified, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved.

The outstanding accounts were verified by mailing notices to all persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, the replies thereto indicating that the outstanding accounts, as listed, are correct.



The total amounts outstanding on each of the tax and excise levies were given to the assessors for use in preparing the recommitments for the new tax collector, and detailed lists of all the outstanding accounts were obtained by the collector.

It is urged that determined action be taken by the new collector to obtain prompt settlement of the overdue tax and excise accounts recommitted for collection.

The financial records of the town clerk were examined and checked. The receipts from dog and sporting licenses were checked with the record of licenses granted, the payments to the treasurer and to the Division of Fisheries and Game being verified.

The surety bonds of the town officials required to furnish them for the faithful performance of their duties were examined and found to be in proper form.

The appropriations, as voted by the town meetings, were listed from the records of the town clerk and were compared with the aggregate amounts raised by the assessors in the determination of the tax rate.

The recorded receipts from town property rentals were checked and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

The records of bills sent out for collection by the public welfare and cemetery departments were examined and checked. The departmental records were analyzed, the recorded collections were compared with the payments to the treasurer, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved.

Ledger accounts were compiled, and a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the town on February 10, 1951.

In addition to the balance sheet, there are appended to this report tables showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's cash, summaries of the tax, excise, and departmental accounts, as well as tables showing the transactions and condition of the trust and investment funds.

While engaged in making the audit cooperation was received from the town officials, for which, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, I wish to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN B. DINE,

*Assistant Director of Accounts.*

# TOWN OF HANCOCK Balance Sheet—February 10, 1951

## GENERAL ACCOUNTS

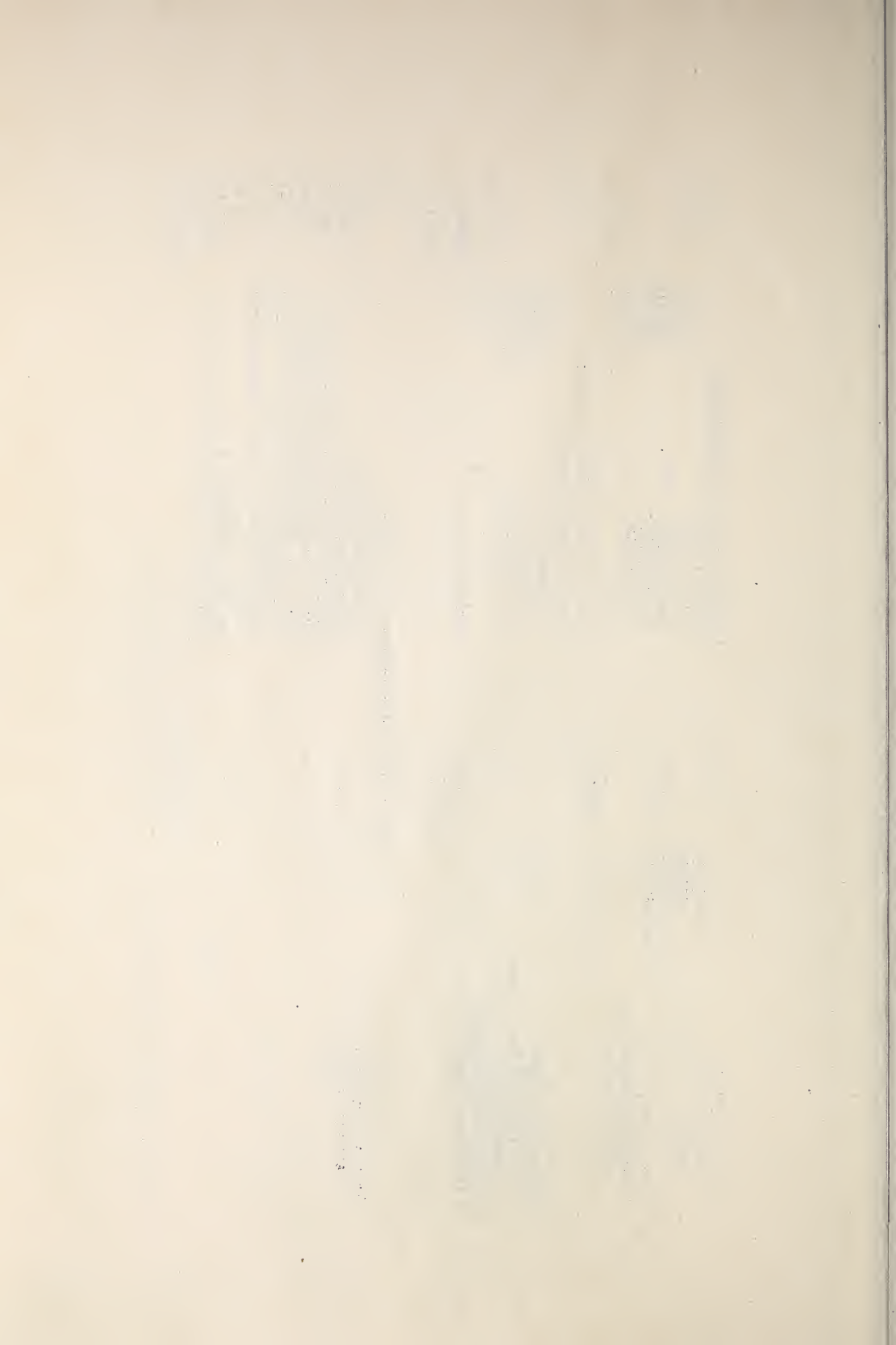
Assets		Liabilities and Reserves	
Cash,		Payroll Deductions:	
Accounts Receivable:		Federal Taxes,	\$236 40
Taxes:		County Retirement System,	9 44
Levy of 1946,	\$ 7 91		
Levy of 1947,	53 43	Overestimates 1950:	
Levy of 1948,	183 97	County Tax,	\$200 32
Levy of 1949,	1,817 85	State Mosquito Control	
Levy of 1950,	6,303 91	Assessment,	5 70
		Cemetery Sale of Lots Fund,	206 02
			170 00
		Federal Grants:	
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:		Aid to Dependent Children:	
Levy of 1947,	\$ 11 13	Aid,	\$416 63
Levy of 1948,	79 76	Administration,	24 37
Levy of 1949,	131 13		
Levy of 1950,	889 27	Old Age Assistance:	
		Assistance,	2,315 93
		Administration,	140 07
		Appropriation Balances:	
Departmental:		General,	\$33,806 43
Temporary Aid,	\$1,119 91	Repairs to Town Hall	
Aid to Dependent children	243 30	Building,	500 00
Old Age Assistance,	2,763 20	Stabilization Fund,	2,000 00
Cemetery Sale of Lots,	40 00		
		Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus,	36,306 43
			2,615 18

Aid to Highways:		
State,	\$11,000 00	
County,	800 00	
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Revenue 1951:	\$43,672 96	
Less Estimated Receipts		
Collected to Date,	163 32	
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	43,509 64	
Underestimate 1950:		
State Parks and Reservations		
Assessment,		
Overdrawn Account 1950:	13 00	
Highways, Chapter 81,		
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	2,496 99	
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	\$77,874 75	
Overlays Reserved for Abatement:		
Levy of 1946,	\$ 7 91	
Levy of 1947,	53 43	
Levy of 1948,	183 97	
Levy of 1949,	630 71	
Levy of 1950,	675 90	
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	1,551 92	
Revenue Reserved Until Collected:		
Motor Vehicle and Trailer		
Excise,	\$1,111 29	
Departmental,	4,166 41	
Aid to Highways,	11,800 00	
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	17,077 70	
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Surplus Revenue,	16,804 66	
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	\$77,874 75	

# TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust and Investment Funds:		
Cash and Securities,		
	\$12,975 29	
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	\$12,975 29	
Reynolds School Fund,		
Taylor Library Fund,	\$ 240 04	
Eldridge Cemetery General Care Fund,	366 48	
Taylor Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund,	1,181 67	
Hiram E. Whitman Cemetery Perpetual	132 20	
Care Fund,	434 99	
Noah E. Gardner Cemetery Perpetual Care		
Fund,	125 44	
Post-War Rehabilitation Fund	4,440 00	
*Stabilization Fund,	6,054 47	
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	\$12,975 29	

\*Includes \$2,000.00 in General Treasury.



ANNUAL REPORT  
of the  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
of the  
TOWN OF HANCOCK  
MASSACHUSETTS



*For the Year Ending*  
DECEMBER 31, 1951



## SCHOOL OFFICERS

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### School Committee

Dorothy I. Leab, Chairman

Ernest Maynard

Charles McDonald, Secretary

### Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Joseph Addison Wilk

Cheshire, Massachusetts

Tel. Adams 465-J

### Teachers

Miss Florence R. Chittenden

Mrs. Isabel B. Conklin

Mrs. Laura A. Page

Mrs. Nellie L. Cameron

Mr. Louis Virgil Bedard

Village School, Grades 1-2

Gorton School, Grades 3-4

North School, Grades 5-6

Village School, Grades 7-8

Supervisor of Music

### School Nurse

Mrs. Ruth T. Bennett, R.N.

Cheshire, Massachusetts

### School Physician

Dr. Lawrence D. Greene

Stephentown, New York

### Supervisor of Attendance

Dr. Joseph Addison Wilk

### Janitors

Mrs. Johannah Hadselle

Mrs. Alice Jones

Mrs. Ruth Towne

Village School

Gorton School

North School

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### School Committee Regulation on School Entrance

A child must have reached the age of five years by February 15th in order to enter school the following September. No child may begin school unless he or she presents a birth certificate and a vaccination certificate, or an exemption-from-vaccination certificate. These must be presented to the teacher on or before the first day of school.

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

### 1951-1952

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Opening Day of School—September 5, 1951

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#### FALL TERM

September 5, 1951 to December 20, 1951 inclusive

*Holidays:* October 12—Columbus Day

October 26—Teachers' Convention

November 12—Armistice Day

November 22 and 23—Thanksgiving Recess

*Vacation period:* December 21 to January 1, 1952 inclusive

#### WINTER TERM

January 2, 1952 to February 21, 1952 inclusive

*Holidays:* February 4—Annual Town Meeting

February 22—Washington's Birthday

*Vacation Period:* February 22 to March 2, 1952 inclusive

#### FIRST SPRING TERM

March 3, 1952 to April 10, 1952 inclusive

*Holiday:* April 11—Good Friday

*Vacation Period:* April 11 to April 20, 1952 inclusive

#### SECOND SPRING TERM

April 21, 1952 to June 6, 1952 inclusive

*Holiday:* May 30—Memorial Day

*Summer Vacation Period:* June 7 to September 2, 1952 inclusive

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Total Number School Days—171

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Graduation—Thursday, June 5, 1952

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Opening Date 1952-1953 School Year—September 3, 1952

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#### No School Policy

The Hancock schools will be in session each school day in conformity with the above school calendar unless the teacher is unable to reach her school due to inclement weather or other reason. Whenever storm conditions of unusual severity arise, the No-School announcement for Hancock pupils will be broadcast over radio station WBRK at Pittsfield before 8 A. M.

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE, 1951

To the Citizens of the Town of Hancock:

Your School Committee respectfully submits the following report of expenditures for school purposes during 1951.

### Salaries

Miss Florence R. Chittenden, Grades 1-2, Village School	\$2,200 00
Mrs. Isabel B. Conklin, Grades 3-4, Gorton School	2,200 00
Mrs. Laura A. Page, Grades 5-6, North School	2,100 00
Mrs. Nellie L. Cameron, Grades 7-8, Village School	2,200 00
Dr. Joseph A. Wilk, Superintendent of Schools	960 00
Mr. Louis V. Bedard, Supervisor of Music	300 00
Mrs. Ruth T. Bennett, School Nurse	300 00
Mrs. Elizabeth Maston, substitute teacher, 1 day	8 00
	\$10,268 00

### Tuition

New Lebanon Central School, New Lebanon, New York	\$910 00
Pittsfield (Elementary, High, Vocational) Schools	961 26
Berkshire School for Crippled Children	189 49
Town of Richmond	60 00
Town of Williamstown	174 80
	\$2,295 55

### Transportation

George Harold Hadselle	\$3,242 50
New Lebanon Central School	498 00
Dr. Joseph A. Wilk	96 00
Interstate Busses Corporation	50 10
Mrs. John C. Nicholson	50 00
Francis McSorley	42 40
Arthur Williams	42 00
Eleanor Trottier	39 60
Suzanne Trottier	37 60
Kent Hanson	41 20
Donald Rancourt	25 20
	\$4,164 60

**Janitor Service**

Lawrence Whitman, Janitor, Village School	\$128 00
Mrs. Dorothy I. Leab, Janitor, Village School	64 00
Mrs. Johannah Hadselle, Janitor, Village School	128 00
Mrs. Alice Jones, Janitor, Gorton School	200 00
Mrs. Ruth Towne, Janitor, North School	192 00
Arnold Alderman, Water Boy, North School	12 00
Sherman Derby, Water Boy, North School	6 00
Donald Leab, Water Boy, Gorton and North Schools	14 00
Dennis LeBarron, Water Boy, Gorton School	8 00
Paul Neumeister, Water Boy, Village School	12 00
Francis Trottier, Water Boy, Village School	24 00

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 \$788 00
**Fuel**

Robert E. Leab, 1 load wood	\$ 8 50
Harry D. Sharp, 8 cords wood, Village and Gorton Schools	140 00
Allen Towne, 3 cords wood, North School	51 00

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 \$199 50
**Supplies**

Ruth T. Bennett, medical	\$ 2 34
Carr Hardware Company	15 40
Cascade Paper Company	129 28
George H. Hadselle	5 63
Iroquois Publishing Company	8 44
Dorothy I. Leab	10 29
Marsten, Inc.	3 80
New Lebanon Central School	73 62
Charles McDonald	5 69
Park St. Drug Store, medical	30 00
Professional Drug Company, medical	10 36
Stanley's	6 52
Walter C. Sykes	14 45
Ruth Towne	2 74

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 \$318 56
**Books**

American Book Company	\$ 31 60
Iroquois Publishing Company	3 25
D. E. Knight	3 05
Charles E. Merrill Company	19 76

G. Schirmer Company	\$ 6 10
Silver Burdett Company	22 82
Scott Foresman Company	64 72
Wilcox and Follett Company	34 56
Willis Music Company	7 65

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\$193 51

#### Repairs and Maintenance

Robert Blair, repairs at Village School	\$43 00
Leon Roberts, repairs at Village School	46 00
Emma Blair, cleaning Village School	28 00
Mildred Southard, cleaning Village School	28 00
Donald Rancourt, mowing Village School lawn	11 50
Francis Trottier, snow shoveling, Village School	4 00
Stanley Cooke, cleaning Gorton School	12 00
Charles McDonald, labor and painting at Gorton School	98 50
Donald Leab, mowing school lawns	15 00
Allen Towne, cleaning toilets	10 00
Robert Rathbun, cleaning toilets	10 00
Dorothy I. Leab, washing toilets	4 00
Floyd Barber, repairs	12 00
Harry B. Hicks, lumber	18 42
John Kalinsky, cleaning school yard	8 00
Ruth Towne, cleaning North School	20 21
Mark Gould, cleaning North School	9 00
Charles McDonald, labor, North School	17 25
Mark Gould, repairs at North School	4 50

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\$399 38

#### Miscellaneous

Eagle Printing and Binding Company, printing school reports	\$50 00
Charles W. Gilbert, fire extinguisher for Gorton School	35 00
George H. Hadselle, miscellaneous	6 87
J. L. Hammett Company, diploma cover	2 29
Dorothy I. Leab, cleaning church for graduation	3 00
Dorothy I. Leab, salary as school committeeman	100 00
Charles McDonald, salary as school committeeman	100 00
Ernest Maynard, salary as school committeeman	100 00
Dorothy I. Leab, keeping school books and expenses	148 00
Charles McDonald, transportation and telephone expenses	16 00
Ernest Maynard, school committee expenses	7 00
Harold J. Millett, graduation speaker	10 00



Northern Berkshire Gas Company, lights	\$ 51 20
Walter C. Sykes, pipe for 3 flag poles	27 48
Dr. Joseph A. Wilk, misc. administrative expenses	12 41
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	\$669 25

#### Recapitulation

Town Appropriation for Schools, 1951	\$19,301 00
Expenditures:	
Salaries	\$10,268 00
Tuition	2,295 55
Transportation	4,164 60
Janitor Service	788 00
Fuel	199 50
Supplies	318 56
Books	193 51
Repairs and Maintenance	399 38
Miscellaneous	669 25
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Total Expenditures	\$19,296 35
Unexpended Balance	4 65
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	\$19,301 00

#### State Reimbursements for Education in 1951

School Aid, Chap. 70 as amended	\$4,421 40
School Transportation	3,647 10
Superintendent's Salary	597 33
State Wards, Tuition and Transportation	613 92
Vocational Education, Tuition and Transportation	297 10
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Total State Reimbursement in 1951	\$9,576 85

Total Hancock Expenditure for Education in 1951	\$19,296 35
Less Total State Reimbursement for Education in 1951	9,576 85
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Net Cost of Education to Town of Hancock in 1951	\$9,719 50

### New High School Policy

At a meeting of the Hancock School Committee on August 8, 1951, the Committee voted unanimously to designate the New Lebanon Central School of New Lebanon, New York, as the official secondary school for Hancock school pupils. New pupils, residents of Hancock, wishing to attend any other high school in the area, other than the designated high school, may do so but will be required to pay the difference in tuition between the current New Lebanon or designated high school rate and the rate charged by the high school attended by the pupil. As to future transportation commitments, the Hancock School Committee will only approve the payment of transportation costs equal to the then prevailing rate at the New Lebanon or designated school.

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In estimating the budget requirements for 1952, we recommend the appropriation of \$19,906.00 for school department purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

DOROTHY I. LEAB, Chairman  
CHARLES McDONALD, Secretary  
ERNEST MAYNARD

*Hancock School Committee.*

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

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To the School Committee of the Town of Hancock:

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my sixth annual report as Superintendent of Schools for the Town of Hancock, Massachusetts.

### Foreword

To resolve the tensions which now divide the nations of the world, destroy the peace and threaten civilization will take many years. Success in the battle of ideas in which we are engaged will depend on the children who are now in the schools. Through them and them alone we can secure the future of our country. If ever America needed the best possible schools it needs them now. And yet our schools are faced with a grave crisis.

There is a serious school-building shortage which has been accumulating since the beginning of World War II. There is a rapidly increasing school enrolment resulting from the high birthrate of the war years. We shall have eight million more children in the public schools in 1957 than there would have been had the birthrate of the prewar years continued. Then too there is a serious shortage of adequately prepared teachers for our elementary schools at present salaries.

The schools are under malicious attack from powerful enemies. Inflation is again upon us. Schools are forced to compete for personnel, finance, and materials with colossal military expenditures. There is a strong trend toward militarism. Rapid technological change is constantly forcing upon our people adjustments in their ways of living that place heavy strains upon character and home life.

If ever Hancock needed to do its utmost for the general educational welfare of its children it is now. The crying need of the moment is a physical structure worthy of housing Hancock's school populace. The report of the Hancock School Building Committee, therefore, is eagerly awaited.

### Teachers and Instruction

There were no personnel changes in the Hancock schools during 1951. Instruction in the three schools continues satisfactorily. New geography books and dictionaries were provided upper grade pupils at the Village School during the year.

Some overcrowding of pupils prevails at the Gorton School but this condition should be noticeably alleviated in September. A slight decline in pupil enrolments has been noted at the remaining two schools.

School banking, introduced in the Hancock schools on November 14, 1950, showed marked improvement during 1951. A good majority of the pupils in each school make deposits weekly with the City Savings Bank of Pittsfield.

# ENROLMENT IN HANCOCK SCHOOLS, DECEMBER 31, 1951

School	Grades								Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
Village (Primary)	4	6							10
Gorton School			13	13					26
North School					11	4			15
Village (Upper)							12	3	15
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									66

## SCHOOL CENSUS

As has been the practice in recent years, another complete census of the town's children was taken this year. The school census figures for 1951 indicate that there are 142 children in the Town of Hancock. These census figures include all children of pre-school age as well as those of pupils now in attendance at the local Gorton, North, and Village schools or as tuition pupils in the New Lebanon, Pittsfield, and Richmond schools.

## Census Data as of October 1, 1951

Age	Number of Boys	Number of Girls	Total
0-11 mo.	2	6	8
1	4	3	7
2	4	3	7
3	3	6	9
4	5	4	9
5	5	3	8
6	3	4	7
7	5	5	10
8	4	11	15
9	5	6	11
10	4	2	6
11	6	8	14
12	4	5	9
13	0	2	2
14	3	2	5
15	2	4	6
16	0	5	5
17	2	2	4
	—	—	—
Totals	61	81	142

The above figures represent individuals whose distribution is as follows:

Number of Pre-School children in Hancock	47
Number of pupils attending:	
Hancock schools	66
New Lebanon High School	13
New Lebanon Elementary School	4
Pittsfield High School	1
Pittsfield Vocational School	1
Bartlett School, Pittsfield	1
Pomeroy School, Pittsfield	1
Stearns School, Pittsfield	2
Berkshire School for Crippled Children	2
Darrow School, New Lebanon	1
Richmond School, Richmond	2
At Home	1
Total	142

### MEMBERSHIP AND ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

#### Hancock Schools

1950-1951

School	Total Membership	Ave. Membership	Ave. Daily Attendance	Aggregate Attendance	Pct. of Attendance
Village (Primary)	21	19.32	17.92	2,924.0	94.09
Gorton School	24	23.65	22.65	3,838.5	95.77
North School	15	14.06	13.75	2,331.5	93.06
Village (Upper)	10	7.70	7.53	1,273.0	97.89
	70	64.73	61.85	10,367.0	95.20
					Ave. %

#### Perfect Attendance for Entire 1950-1951 School Year

Dale Christiansen	Dennis LeBarron	Gladys Miller
Raymond Demary	Jeannette LeBarron	Francis Trottier
Pamela Derby	Joyce LeBarron	Henry Whitman
	Georgiana Miller	

**Perfect Attendance First Half 1950-1951 School Year**

Arnold Alderman	Lois Leab	Doris McDonald
Rita Demary	Ruth Anne Leab	Isabelle Miller
Gerald Derby	Ernest LeBarron	Fred Neumeister
Sherman Derby	James LeBarron	Paul Neumeister
Donald Leab		Norman Rathbun

**Perfect Attendance Second Half 1950-1951 School Year**

Leon Demary

**Outside Schools Attended by Hancock Pupils****New Lebanon High School**

Elsie Christiansen	Marjorie E. Leab	Arthur H. Rodda
Evelyn Ellsworth	Elizabeth Maston	Florence Snider
Joan Hunter	Joan B. Maynard	Eugene Wetherell
Mabel LaPier	John F. Maynard	Alma Whitman
	Harriet Rathbun	

**New Lebanon Elementary School**

Marion A. Brewer	Pauline D. Gagnon	Margaret J. Hartwell
	Vivian Gagnon	

**Darrow School**

Norman K. Nicholson

**Pittsfield**

**Richmond School**  
Sandra J. Rabouin  
Sue Ann Rabouin

**Stearns School**  
Allan G. Francis  
Dianne H. Spaniol

**Pittsfield**

**Bartlett School**  
Jennifer E. Nicholson

**Pittsfield**

**Pomeroy School**  
Karen L. Spaniol

**Pittsfield**

**High School**  
Suzanne Trottier

**Pittsfield**

**Vocational School**  
Donald Rancourt

**Berkshire School for Crippled Children**

James Garceau  
Sally Garceau



**Annual Tuition Rates Per Pupil**

New Lebanon Elementary School	\$ 60 00
New Lebanon High School	75 00
Richmond Elementary School	100 00
Berkshire School for Crippled Children	109 40
Pittsfield Vocational School	170 00
Pittsfield Elementary Schools	179 77
Pittsfield Junior High Schools	238 04
Pittsfield High School	249 55

**New Lebanon Pupil Transportation Rates**

\$30.00 per contract year for each pupil

**Conclusion**

In concluding this report, I wish to extend my most grateful appreciation to Chairman Dorothy I. Leab, Charles McDonald, and Ernest Maynard of the Hancock School Committee, and to the teachers, other school employees, and town officials for their cooperation and interest in school matters during 1951.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH ADDISON WILK,  
*Superintendent of Schools.*

December 31, 1951

## GRADUATION PROGRAM

Hancock Public Schools, Hancock, Massachusetts

Hancock Baptist Church

Thursday, June 7, 1951, 8.00 P. M.

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1. Processional
  2. Invocation Rev. Samuel Walker, Williamstown, Massachusetts
  3. "We Thank Thee" (Song by *Gibb*) Hancock School Chorus
  4. Welcome Fred C. Neumeister
  5. GRADUATION THEME:
    - "Our Natural Resources—How We Use and Conserve Them"
    1. Animals as a Natural Resource Marjorie Garso
    2. Minerals, Air and Water as a Natural Resource Evelyn Ellsworth
    3. Soil as a Natural Resource Fred C. Neumeister
  6. "God Bless Our Land" (Song by *Kountz*) Hancock School Chorus
  7. Introduction of Guest Speaker Dr. Joseph A. Wilk  
Superintendent of Schools
  8. Commencement Address Mr. Harold J. Millett  
Principal, C. T. Plunkett Junior High School, Adams, Mass.
  9. "Fireflies" (Song by *Wilson*) Hancock School Chorus
  10. Award of Diplomas Mrs. Dorothy I. Leab  
Chairman, Hancock School Committee
  11. Congratulations to Graduates Everyone

### Graduates

Evelyn Ellsworth Marjorie Garso Fred Charles Neumeister

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*Class Advisor*—Mrs. Nellie L. Cameron

*Supervisor of Music*—Mr. Louis V. Bedard

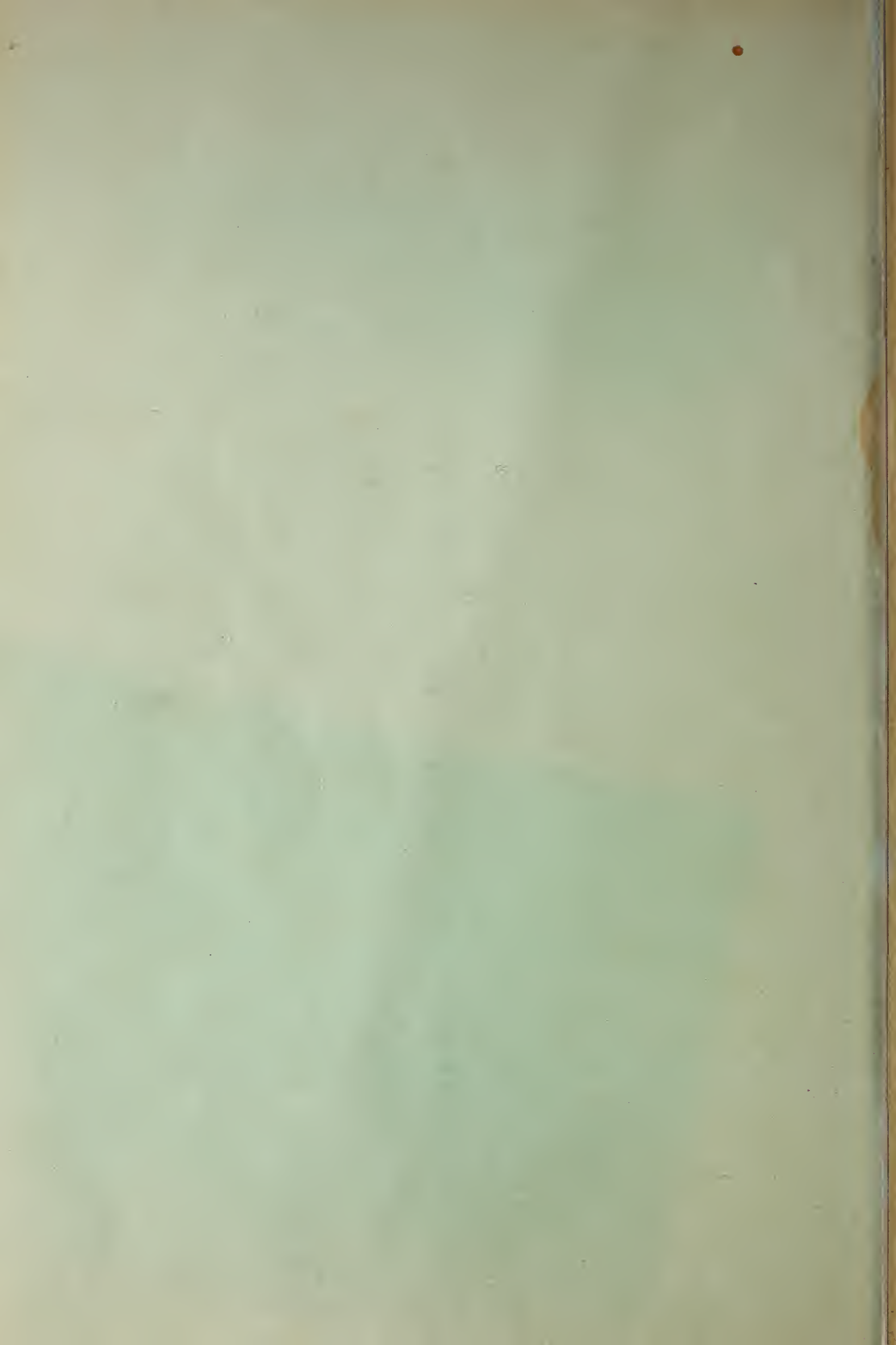
*Piano Accompanist*—Mrs. Perry G. Whitman

### Hancock School Chorus

*Sopranos*: Dale Christiansen, Beatrice Ellsworth, Evelyn Ellsworth, Rita Demary, David Garso, Marjorie Garso, Thelma Hunter, Eva Jones, Donald Leab, Lois Leab, Ruth Ann Leab, Doris McDonald, Gladys Miller, Paul Neumeister, Charlene Skerkis, John Skerkis, Davida Sumner, Eleanor Sumner, Leata Sumner, Barbara Whitman.

*Altos*: Arnold Alderman, Gerald Derby, William Garso, Jeannette LeBarron, Joyce LeBarron, Carl Moon, Fred Neumeister, Valmore Rancourt, Betty Sumner, Francis Trottier, Gerald Trottier, Donald Whitman.



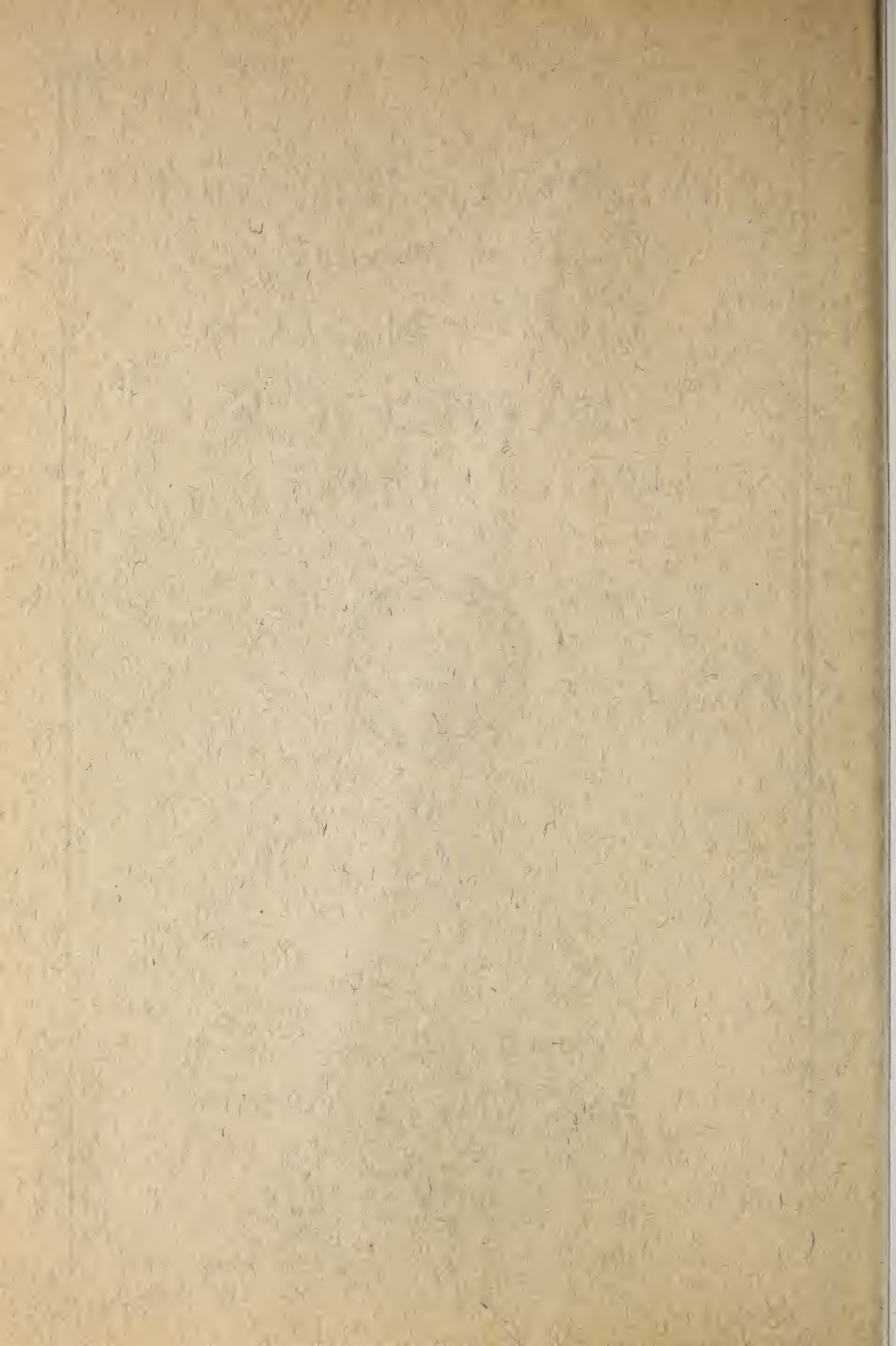


ANNUAL REPORT  
*of the TOWN OFFICERS of the*  
T O W N O F  
HANCOCK  
M A S S A C H U S E T T S



For the Year Ending  
December 31, 1952







# Annual Report of the Town Officers

of the

## Town of Hancock

Massachusetts



For the Year Ending  
DECEMBER 31, 1952

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# OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF HANCOCK

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## Town Clerk

PERRY WHITMAN

## Selectmen

### Board of Health

### Board of Public Welfare—Old Age Assistance

HOWARD CHRISTIANSEN, *Chairman*, 1954

HENRY BLAIR, 1953

JOHN WHITMAN, 1955

## Assessors

HOWARD WHITMAN, 1953

HENRY RODDA, 1954

C. W. CONKLIN, 1955

## Road Superintendent

HENRY BLAIR

## Constable

ALLEN TOWNE

## School Committee

CHARLES McDONALD, 1953

ERNEST MAYNARD, 1954

DOROTHY LEAB, 1955

## Library Committee

RUTH G. WHITMAN, 1953

HELENA CHRISTIANSEN, 1954

ISABEL CONKLIN, 1955

## Auditor

LEON H. ROBERTS, JR.

## Forest Warden

ROBERT BLAIR

## Treasurer and Collector

JENNIE G. WHITMAN

## Moth Superintendent

ROBERT G. BLAIR

**Inspector of Slaughter**  
**MARK GOULD**

**Animal Inspector**  
**HOWARD CHRISTIANSEN**

**Sealer of Weights and Measures**  
**WILLIAM WHITMAN**

**Cemetery Committee**  
**H. EDGAR WHITMAN, 1953**  
**FLOYD BARBER, 1954** **RUSSELL WHITMAN, 1955**

**Tree Warden**  
**ROBERT BLAIR**

**Finance Committee**  
**PERRY G. WHITMAN, 1953**  
**LOUIS J. DEE 1954** **CHANDLER W. BROWN, 1955**

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**JURY LIST**

<b>ROBERT G. BLAIR</b>	<b>LOUIS J. DEE</b>
<b>H. EDGAR WHITMAN</b>	<b>GEORGE S. LOVE</b>
<b>HENRY O. RODDA</b>	<b>CLARENCE W. BREWER</b>
<b>CHARLES CHRISTIANSEN, JR.</b>	<b>PERRY A. WHITMAN</b>

## WARRANT

Berkshire, ss.

Annual Town Meeting, Monday, February 2, 1953. To Allen Towne, Constable of the Town of Hancock, Mass.

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Hancock qualified to vote in election and in Town affairs to meet in the Town Hall in said Hancock on Monday, February 2, 1953, at 9 o'clock a. m. and there to act on the following articles, viz.:

First—To choose the following Town Officers:

- One Moderator for one year.
- One Town Clerk for one year.
- One Selectman for three years.
- One Assessor for three years.
- One Collector and Treasurer for one year.
- One Auditor for one year.
- One Library Trustee for three years.
- One Tree Warden for one year.
- One Cemetery Committee for three years.
- One Constable for one year.
- One School Committee for three years.
- One Finance Committee for three years.

And vote on Question No. 1 on ballot.

Note—The following articles will not be acted upon until 10.30 o'clock.

Second—To hear the report of the Selectmen and other town officers and act thereon.

Third—To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning Jan. 1, 1953 and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 14, General Laws.

Fourth—To see if the Town will accept the list of Jurors as made out and posted by the Selectmen.

Robert G. Blair  
H. Edgar Whitman  
Charles Christiansen, Jr.  
Ernest F. Maynard

George S. Love  
Louis J. Dee  
Nicholas Hetman  
Perry G. Whitman

Fifth—To see what the Town will vote to pay elected officers for the year 1953.

Sixth—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand five hundred seven dollars (\$2507.00) or any other sum for Town Officers' Salaries. (Recommended by Finance Committee).

Seventh—To see if the Town will vote to permit the Board of Selectmen to appoint one of its members as Superintendent of Streets, to the Board of Public Welfare and Old Age Assistance and Aid to Dependent Children, and Inspector of Animals. Salary or remuneration to be fixed in the above vote.

Eighth—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00) or any other sum for Memorial Day and to select one to take charge of same. (Recommended by Finance Committee).

Ninth—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand four hundred and five dollars (\$1,405.00) or any other sum as requested by the State Department to be used under Chapter 81. (Recommended by Finance Committee).

Tenth—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,500.00) or any other sum for removing snow and care of winter roads and snow fence. (Recommended by Finance Committee.)

Eleventh—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of eight hundred dollars for Chap. 90 Maintenance or any other sum. (Recommended by Finance Committee).

Twelfth—To see if the Town will appropriate one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or any other sum from the Free Cash in the Treasury for Chap. 90 Construction. (Recommended by Finance Committee).

Thirteenth—To see what the Town will vote to pay Town Laborers.

Fourteenth—To see what the Town will vote to pay Highway Superintendent.

Fifteenth—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate one thousand six hundred dollars (\$1,600.00) or any other sum for Disability Assistance. (Recommended by Finance Committee).

Sixteenth—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate one thousand seven hundred dollars (\$1,700.00) or any other sum for Aid to Dependent Children. (Recommended by Finance Committee).



Seventeenth—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate one hundred dollars (\$100.00) or any other sum as salary for members of Department of Public Welfare. (Recommended by Finance Committee).

Eighteenth—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred sixty-five dollars (\$165.00) or any other sum for the administration expenses of Berkshire Welfare District. (Recommended by Finance Committee).

Nineteenth—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or any other sum for Board of Public Welfare. (Recommended by Finance Committee).

Twentieth—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate six thousand three hundred dollars (\$6,300.00) or any other sum for Old Age Assistance. (Recommended by Finance Committee).

Twenty-first—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate one hundred dollars (\$100.00) or any other sum for Welfare District Committee salary. (Recommended by Finance Committee).

Twenty-second—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate four hundred dollars (\$400.00) or any other sum for Workman's Liability Insurance. (Recommended by Finance Committee).

Twenty-third—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00) or any other sum for a Doctor as a member of our Board of Health. (Recommended by Finance Committee).

Twenty-fourth—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or any other sum for the building fund of a new Central School, from the Free Cash in the Treasury. (Recommended by Finance Committee).

Twenty-fifth—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-two thousand nine hundred dollars (\$22,900.00) or any other sum for Schools. (Recommended by Finance Committee).

Twenty-sixth—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate three hundred dollars (\$300.00) or any other sum for books and maintenance of Library and grounds. Also the dog fund \$194.81. (Recommended by Finance Committee).

Twenty-seventh—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or any other sum for upkeep of Cemetery. (Recommended by Finance Committee).

Twenty-eighth—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate one hundred dollars (\$100.00) or any other sum for Forest Fires and equipment. (Recommended by Finance Committee).

Twenty-ninth—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate eight hundred dollars (\$800.00) or any other sum for Contingent Expenses. (Recommended by Finance Committee).

Thirtieth—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or any other sum for printing, blanks, stationery and bonds. (Recommended by Finance Committee).

Thirty-first—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) or any other sum to be used by the Tree Warden. (Recommended by Finance Committee).

Thirty-second—To see if the Town will vote to appropriate one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1500.00) from the Overlay surplus account for the Reserve Fund. (Recommended by Finance Committee).

Thirty-third—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate two hundred fifty (\$250.00) or any other sum for Board of Health. (Recommended by Finance Committee).

Thirty-fourth—To see if the Town will appropriate four hundred sixty dollars (\$460.00) or any other sum for the maintenance, operation and housing of the Fire Engine. (Recommended by Finance Committee).

Thirty-fifth—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate fifty dollars (\$50.00) or any other sum for 4-H Club work. (Recommended by Finance Committee).

Thirty-sixth—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) or any other sum for Community Christmas and appoint a Committee to have charge of same or take any action thereon. (Recommended by Finance Committee).

Thirty-seventh—To see if the Town will vote to appropriate twelve thousand three hundred dollars (\$12,300.00) to provide for the State's and County's shares of the cost of Chapter 81 and 90 highway work, said sum to be restored to free cash upon receipt of the reimbursements from the State and County.

Thirty-eighth—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate three hundred forty-three dollars and seventy-nine cents (\$343.79) or any other sum as requested by the Berkshire County Commissioners for retirement board expense. (Recommended by Finance Committee).

Thirty-ninth—To see if the Town will raise four hundred fifty-eight dollars (\$458.00) or any other sum for Dutch Elm Disease control. (Recommended by Finance Committee).

Fortieth—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate two hundred sixty-four dollars (\$264.00) or any other sum for street lights. (Recommended by Finance Committee).

Forty-first—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate two hundred fifteen dollars (\$215.00) for Gypsy Moth Control Work as required under Mass. General Laws, Chap. 132. (Recommended by Finance Committee).

Forty-second—To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the free cash in the Treasury three hundred dollars (\$300.00) or any other sum to re-decorate the Town Hall upstairs. (Recommended by Finance Committee).

Forty-third—To see if the voters will vote to ratify and confirm the location of a Horse race track in the Town of Hancock, as approved by the Selectmen.

Forty-fourth—To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to make an agreement with the City of Pittsfield to provide fire protection to that area of the Town extending approximately from the Lebanon Springs Mountain Road south to the Richmond, and from the top of Lebanon Mountain east to the Pittsfield line. (Requested by Stanley Cooke).

Forty-fifth—To see if the Town will vote to have all official meetings open to the public and a record made at each meeting of its minutes, to be kept with the other town records. A notice of said meetings to be posted and published in the two daily papers received in the Town. Meetings to be held in Town Hall or School Houses. (Requested by Augusta D. Whitman).

Forty-sixth—To see if the Town will vote to extend the electric lights to the New York State line and raise a sum of money to pay for same. This would require three new lights. (Requested by Augusta D. Whitman). (Not acted upon by Finance Committee).

Forty-seventh—To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Central School Building Committee to select a site for a Central School Building, providing that such a site meet the approval of the voters. (Requested by School Building Committee).

Forty-eighth—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) to be used by the School Building Committee for the hiring of an architect and for other expenses. (Requested by School Building Committee). (Not acted upon by Finance Committee).

Forty-ninth—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred sixty-four dollars (\$264.00) to pay unpaid Forest Fire bills of 1950.

Fiftieth—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate five dollars (\$5.00) or any other sum for Land Damage expense. (Recommended by Finance Committee).

Fifty-first—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate five dollars (\$5.00) or any other sum for Civilian Defense expense. (Recommended by Finance Committee).

Fifty-second—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the planting of shade trees along highways.

Fifth-third—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to purchase chairs for Town Hall. (Recommended by Finance Committee).

Fifty-fourth—To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

And the Selectmen give notice that the polls will be closed at 6.30 o'clock p. m. and you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting at least two attested copies thereof in public places in Town at least seven days before said meeting—hereof fail not and make due returns of your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of the meeting aforesaid.

HENRY BLAIR  
JOHN WHITAMN  
HOWARD CHRISTIANSEN

*Selectmen of Hancock*

ALLEN TOWNE  
*Constable*

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT

### OFFICERS' SALARIES

William Whitman, Sealer	\$ 12.00
C. Wells Conklin, Moderator	10.00
Henry Blair, Selectman	180.00
C. Wells Conklin, Assessor	230.00
Howard Christiansen, Animal Inspector	100.00
Allen Towne, Constable	40.00
John D. Whitman, Selectman	180.00
Mark Gould, Inspector of Slaughter	90.00
Perry A. Whitman, Town Clerk	125.00
Howard Whitman, Assessor	180.00
Jennie G. Whitman, Treasurer and Collector	600.00
Henry Rodda, Assessor	180.00
Leon H. Roberts, Jr., Auditor and Making Report	50.00
Howard Christiansen, Chairman of Selectmen	230.00
Board of Registrars	50.00
Dorothy Leab, Chairman School Committee	150.00
Ernest Maynard, School Committee	75.00
Charles McDonald, School Committee	75.00
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	\$2,557.00

Appropriated	\$2,557.00
Expended	2,557.00

### ROAD WORK AND MATERIALS

#### Chapter 81

Appropriated, Town	\$1,405.00
State	7,700.00
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	\$9,105.00
Expended	9,104.43
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Balance	\$ .57

#### Snow and Winter Roads

Appropriated	\$3,500.00
Expended	3,474.32
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Balance	\$25.68



**Chapter 90—Construction**

State	\$1,000.00
County	500.00
Town	500.00
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Expended	\$2,000.00
	2,000.00

**Chapter 90—Maintenance**

Appropriated, State	\$ 800.00
County	800.00
Town	800.00
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Expended	\$2,400.00
	2,400.00

**Labor, Trucks and Material**

American Tar Co., material	\$1,611.87
John S. Lane & Son, stone	763.34
Edwin O. Cogan, gravel	12.00
H. D. Moore, shovel, bulldozer and trucks	1,083.00
Ernest Maynard, gravel	160.00
Bert Bullion, labor	5.00
Carr Hardware Co., supplies	26.84
Walter Sykes, supplies	27.60
Checkerboard Grain Stores, salt	101.00
Berkshire Gravel Co., sand and stone	293.63
L. H. Sherman, scraper blades	124.65
W. N. Potter Grain Stores, salt	299.13
Commonwealth of Mass., concrete posts	53.90
H. B. Hicks, bolts	3.08
Lane Construction Co., steamix	279.30
T. Southworth Tractor Co., scraper blades	21.06
Berkshire Mill Supply, calcium chloride	258.13
John Griffin, gravel	2.00
Charles Courtot, posts	20.40
New England Metal Culvert Co., culverts	113.84
Raymond Estes, spreader operator	38.40
T. Gaskolka, labor	32.40
E. Converse, labor	20.00
I. Thompson, labor	19.60
R. Armstrong, labor	20.00
Ira Markham, truck and hone	50.80
Peter Traverse, truck	27.50



Town of Windsor, truck	\$ 67.20
Town of Lanesboro	28.80
D. M. Estes, chip spreader	18.00
Kelly Lumber Co., lumber	154.00
G. H. Hadselle, kerosene	2.32
Lukon, Inc., toxin	99.00
R. M. Gibbs, spraying	63.00
F. Tournier, labor	19.20
J. Bernier, labor	19.20
Fred Williams, truck	30.00
R. Krutiak, truck	60.00
B. Neiroda, truck	48.00
W. Barber, truck	48.00
Fred Moore, crane	136.00
C. H. Fiske, lumber	4.05
John Ahlert, labor	30.00
Henry Blair, Sup't.	2,324.40
John Kalinsky, labor	1,689.50
Harvey Alderman, truck	1,298.50
George Eichenauer, labor	729.50
Robert Blair, labor and truck	585.50
Harvey Lapier, labor	254.00
Robert Leab, tractor and mower	12.00
H. D. Sharp, tractor	369.60
Howard Lapier, labor	3.00
Henry Rodda, labor and truck	290.50
Eugene Wetherell, labor	62.00
Floyd Barber, labor	151.30
Jiminy Peak, Inc., truck	349.00
Russell Whitman, labor and team	260.00
Ernest Maynard, labor	78.25
L. H. Roberts, Jr., labor	280.00
Mark Gould, labor	12.00
Russell Whitman, Jr., labor	3.00
Perry G. Whitman, labor	3.00
John Maynard, labor	35.00
Walter Cooke, truck	198.00
Francis Bush, labor	15.00
Arthur Rodda, labor	20.00
Thom Wadlund, labor	15.00
Reuben Johnson, truck	126.00
Henry Blair, truck	1,519.46

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\$16,978.75

**SCHOOLS**

Appropriated	\$19,906.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund	505.94
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	\$20,411.94
Expended	20,076.36
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Balance	\$335.58

**BOARD OF HEALTH**

Henry Blair, Chairman	\$ 25.00
Ernest Maynard, labor care of dump	150.00
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	\$175.00
Appropriation	\$250.00
Expended	175.00
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Balance	\$75.00

**COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS**

Etta Lapier	\$75.00
Appropriation	\$75.00

**EXCISE TAX RETURNS**

G. H. Hadselle	\$16.39
John Nicholson	8.29
Helen Lippine	2.41
Dorothy Smith	19.30
Lafayette Culver	2.83
Eleanor Ostrander	5.24
Edward O'Connell	3.43
Alice Williams	16.89
Russell Whitman	17.87
John Sundstrom	4.83
Isabel Conklin	2.83
Elmer Ellsworth	2.20
Nicholas Hetman	5.26
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	\$107.77

**MEMORIAL DAY**

Ruth G. Whitman	\$50.00
Appropriation	\$50.00

**4-H CLUB**

Mrs. Mabel Christiansen	\$16.00
Mrs. Ruth M. Whitman	10.00
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	\$26.00
Appropriation	\$40.00
Expended	26.00
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Balance	\$14.00

**OLD AGE ASSISTANCE****Town Funds**

Appropriation	\$4,500.00
Transferred from A. D. C. Account	1,000.00
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	\$5,500.00
Expended	\$5,500.00

**Administration**

Appropriation	\$500.00
Expended	\$500.00

**Old Age Assistance Federal Funds**

Balance December 31, 1951	\$2,432.88
Received Federal Funds	5,010.08

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	\$7,442.96
Expended	5,907.10

Balance Federal Funds	<hr/>
	\$1,535.86

**Administration**

Balance Federal Funds Dec. 31, 1951	\$115.21
Received 1952	98.04

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	\$213.25
Expended	182.56

Balance	<hr/>
	\$30.69

**DEPT. PUBLIC WELFARE**

Appropriation	\$1,300.00
Expended	785.80
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Balance	\$514.20

**A.D.C. Federal Administration**

Balance Federal Funds	\$26.24
Received	34.69

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Balance Dec. 31, 1952	\$60.93
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**A. D. C. Administration**

Town Appropriation	\$300.00
Expended	220.00

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Balance	\$80.00
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**AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN**

Balance Federal Funds	\$ 336.98
Received Federal Funds	1,903.80

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Expended	\$ 2,240.78
	1,562.97

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Balance Dec. 31, 1952	\$677.81
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Town Funds	
Appropriation	\$4,200.00
Expended	\$2,100.00
Transferred to O.A.A. \$1,000, to D.A. \$800, to	
Misc. \$300	2,100.00

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**DISABILITY ASSISTANCE**

Appropriation, Town Funds	\$1,250.00
Transferred from A.D.C. account	800.00

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Expended	\$2,050.00
	2,050.00

Received Federal Funds	\$979.80
Expended	510.81

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Balance	\$468.9
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**D.A. Administration**

Federal Funds	
Received	\$18.12

Town Funds	
Appropriation	\$200.00
Expended	145.00

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Balance	\$55.00
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**CEMETERY**

Floyd Barber, labor		\$167.00
Eugene Wetherell, labor		90.00
John Maynard, labor		58.00
Thom Wadlund, labor		29.00
William Maynard, labor		6.00
Harvey Lapier, labor		10.00
John Kalinsky, labor		16.00
Dan Thompson, mower and repairs		48.05
Henry Blair, truck		2.00
G. H. Hadselle, gasoline and oil		2.57
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		\$428.62
Appropriation	\$500.00	
Expended	428.62	
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Balance	\$71.38	

**DUTCH ELM**

Robert Blair, labor		\$235.75
John Kalinsky, labor		46.88
Leon H. Roberts, Jr., labor		40.00
Charles Christiansen, Jr., labor		30.00
Charles Christiansen, labor		60.00
Reuben Johnson, truck		45.00
Robert Blair, money paid for shears		7.13
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		\$464.76
Appropriation	\$107.74	
Transferred from Reserve Fund	361.63	
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	\$469.37	
Expended	464.76	
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Balance	\$4.61	

**FOREST FIRES**

Robert Blair, labor		\$80.50
City of Pittsfield		7.50
Robert Blair, money paid for broom		1.89
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		\$89.89
Appropriation	\$100.00	
Expended	89.89	
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Balance	\$10.11	

**FIRE ENGINE**

Larabee Fuel Co., fuel	\$54.94
Northern Berkshire Gas Co., lights	13.00
Bert Bullion, labor and parts	33.42
G. H. Hadselle, gas	10.49
Arthur Michelson, truck	40.00
McClelland Press, printing	3.93
William Whitman, labor	60.00
W. C. Sykes, supplies	4.40

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 \$220.18

Appropriation	\$250.00
Expended	220.18

Balance	\$29.82
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**GYPSY MOTH**

Robert Blair, labor	\$37.50
Appropriation	\$215.48
Expended	37.50
Balance	\$177.98

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**LIBRARY**

Louise Whitman, librarian and janitor	\$140.10
Donald Whitman, care of lawn and path	26.75
England Brothers, books	74.23
Vantage Press, books	22.69
Lothrop, Lee and Shepard, books	9.00
Fire extinguisher	10.95
Kenneth H. Conklin, painting inside	35.00
Charles Haylor Christiansen, painting inside	30.00
Charles Haylor Christiansen and helpers, sawing wood and putting it into Library	14.00
Clarence Fiske, wood	7.00
Roscoe Conklin, cement and work outside	8.63
C. Wells Conklin and Roscoe Conklin work outside— steps—walk and painting windows, etc.	50.00
C. Wells Conklin, wood	3.00
Walter Sykes, paint, varnish, etc.	22.58
Harold Hadselle, supplies	1.55
Northern Gas and Light Co., lights	12.40

Total Expenses	\$467.88
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Appropriation	\$300.00
Dog Fund	182.65
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	\$482.65
Expended	467.88
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Total Balance	\$14.77

Respectfully submitted,

ISABEL B. CONKLIN  
HELENA CHRISTIANSEN  
RUTH G. WHITMAN

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**MISCELLANEOUS**

Henry Blair, Selectman, expense	\$114.99
Hobbs & Warren, supplies	134.62
Jennie G. Whitman, Treasurer and Collector expense	146.99
W. H. Shandoff, supplies	18.25
Emma Blair, ballot clerk	34.75
Edna Sharp, ballot clerk	28.75
Nora Trottier, ballot clerk	34.75
Ruth Whitman, ballot clerk	6.00
Eagle Printing & Binding, ballots, Town Reports and printing	294.43
Mass. Treasurers' & Collectors' Assn., dues	4.00
Northern Berkshire Registry of Deeds	4.09
C. Wells Conklin, Assessors' expense	52.56
Mass. Association of Assessors	9.00
Berkshire Trust Co., check books and safe deposit box	11.52
Stevenson & Co., bonds and insurance	81.50
Northern Berkshire Gas Co., lights	11.60
Commonwealth of Mass., blanks	1.08
Leon H. Roberts, labor Town Hall	12.00
Berkshire County Selectmen's dues	3.00
Massachusetts Selectmen's Association, dues	10.00
Kenneth Ritchie, lock, Town Hall	12.50
Howard Christiansen, Selectman's expense	65.98
Joseph Cohen, rubber stamps	2.00
John Kalinsky, janitor, Town Hall	4.00
Robert Blair, labor and lumber	18.40
H. B. Hicks, lumber	8.26
Jennie G. Whitman, typing	29.00

Howard Christiansen, listing voters	\$ 65.00
G. H. Hadselle, supplies	.73
Eagle Publishing Co., tax taking ads	12.91
Jennie G. Whitman, recording fees—tax taking	5.70
Henry Blair, killing dog	10.00
Mass. Town Clerk Association, dues	5.00
Harvey Lapier, labor Goodrich Hollow School	19.80
Robert Blair, labor Goodrich Hollow School	2.00
Perry A. Whitman, Town Clerk expense	47.75
H. B. Hicks, lumber Goodrich Hollow School	45.75
Elizabeth Shepard, printing	10.00
Lawrence and Eleanor Ostrander, land damage	300.00
O. Dixon Marshall, legal fees	10.00
Mass. Veterans' Service, dues	5.00
W. C. Sykes, supplies	12.60
Henry Blair, keeping books and making Town Report	70.00
C. H. Fiske, 1 load wood	7.00
Charles Christiansen, sawing wood	8.50
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	\$1,791.76

Appropriation	\$1,200.00
Transferred:	
Reserve Fund	300.00
A.D.C. account	300.00
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	\$1,800.00
Expended	1,791.76
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Balance	\$8.24

## RECAPITULATION

Officers' Salaries	\$2,557.00
Snow Roads	3,474.32
Chapter 81, Highways	9,104.43
Chapter 90 C, Highways	2,000.00
Chapter 90 M, Highways	2,400.00
Schools	20,076.36
Department of Public Welfare	785.80
Library	467.88
Cemetery	428.62
Berkshire County Retirement Pension	217.49
Mass. Teachers' Retirement	405.56
Unpaid 1951 Bills	4,900.17
Old Age Assistance	11,407.10
Old Age Assistance, Administration	682.56
Aid to Dependent Children	3,662.97
Aid to Dependent Children, Administration	220.00
Disability Assistance	2,560.81
Disability Assistance, Administration	145.00
Miscellaneous	1,791.76
Excise Refunds	107.77
Fire Engine	220.18
4-H Club	26.00
Board of Health	175.00
Withholding Tax	2,023.35
Forest Fires	89.89
Dutch Elm	464.76
Memorial Day	50.00
Berkshire County Retirement Expense	244.86
Dog Licenses, Berkshire County	254.20
Community Christmas	75.00
School Stabilization Fund	1,000.00
State Parks and Reservations	75.74
State Auditing	622.41
Mosquito Control	157.90
Harold Hicks, Wildcat Bounty	10.00
Tree Warden	25.00
Dr. L. D. Greene	75.00
Street Lights	264.00
Augusta Dee Whitman, Valuation List	10.00
Workmen's Compensation Insurance	405.62
Robert Blair, Gypsy Moth	37.50
County Tax	1,923.12
Eugene Whitman, Shooting Dog	10.00
Replacement of Lost Checks	99.50
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	\$75,734.63

## 1952 TOWN RECEIPTS

Balance on Hand	\$26,798.44
William Whitman, Sealer's fees	5.25
Berkshire County, Dog Fund	182.65
Town of Hinsdale, Reimbursement Aid	280.57
Lebanon Summit Restaurant, liquor license	500.00
Lebanon Summit Restaurant, common victualer license	5.00
Commonwealth of Mass., Division Livestock Control	50.00
Henry Blair, killing dog	10.00
Helen Lippine, ice cream license	1.00
Lost Checks—payment stopped	99.50
Allyn Southard, calcium chloride	5.00
Commonwealth of Mass., temp. aid and transp. DPW	420.58
Karl Hanson, license	1.00
Richard Phillips, turkey shoot licenses	10.00
Berkshire County, killing dog	10.00
DPW Division Child Guardianship, tuition	480.96
DPW Division Child Guardianship, transportation	141.40
Berkshire County, highways	1,300.00
Commonwealth of Mass., highways	9,500.00
Commonwealth of Mass., loss of taxes	1,987.90
Commonwealth of Mass., corporation tax	2,181.34
Commonwealth of Mass., income tax	5,975.78
Herbert Kent, rent Town Hall	36.00
Commonwealth of Mass., meal tax, OAA	309.85
District Court, Central Berkshire, fines	100.00
Town Clerk, dog licenses	254.20
Goodrich Hollow School, building rental	172.50
Withholding tax	2,023.35
Pension	217.49
Teachers' Retirement	405.56
Commonwealth of Mass., O.A.A.	4,150.60
Commonwealth of Mass., A.D.C.	1,473.04
Commonwealth of Mass., D.A.	647.26
Commonwealth of Mass., D.A. Administration	5.35
Commonwealth of Mass., O.A.A. U.S. Grant	5,010.08
Commonwealth of Mass., A.D.C., U.S. Grant	1,903.80
Commonwealth of Mass., D.A., U.S. Grant	979.80
Commonwealth of Mass., O.A.A., U.S. Grant, Adm.	98.04
Commonwealth of Mass., A.D.C. U.S. Grant, Adm.	34.69
Commonwealth of Mass., D.A., U.S. Grant, Adm.	18.12
Commonwealth of Mass., High School Transportation	3,562.32
Commonwealth of Mass., School Superintendent	597.33
Freehoffer & Francis, liquor license	500.00

John C. Connors, liquor license	\$ 500.00
Karl Hanson, liquor license	500.00
Thomas H. Conroy, liquor license	500.00
Freehoffer & Francis, cabin license	.50
John C. Connors, common victualer license	5.00
Karl Hanson, common victualer license	5.00
Thomas H. Conroy, common victualer license	5.00
George H. Hadselle, garage rental	40.00
John Connors, entertainment permit	1.00
Karl Hanson, entertainment permit	1.00
Thomas Conroy, entertainment permit	1.00
Taxes and interest	29,156.08
Total Receipts	\$103,160.33
Total Expense	75,734.63
Cash Balance	\$27,425.70

We have this day settled with the Town Treasurer and find a cash balance of \$27,425.70.

The Selectmen will meet at the Town Hall the second and last Monday of each month for the payment of town bills. Any suggestions or complaints must be presented in writing and will be acted upon at these regular meetings.

HOWARD L. CHRISTIANSEN

JOHN D. WHITMAN

HENRY BLAIR

*Selectmen of Hancock.*

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#### AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have audited the accounts of the town officers and verified the cash and find the same to be correct.

LEON H. ROBERTS, JR.

# REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Reserve Fund 1952		\$1,400.00
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## Transfers:

To	Miscellaneous for land damage	\$300.00	
	Schools	505.94	
	Workmen's insurance	145.62	
	Dutch Elm	361.63	
			1,313.19

Balance		\$86.81
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PERRY G. WHITMAN

*Chairman.*



## 1952 COLLECTOR'S AND TREASURER'S REPORT

	Warrant	Collected	Tax Title	Abated	Uncollected
1952 Real Estate	\$18,995.95	\$14,878.39	\$9.90	\$91.08	\$4,016.58
Per. Prop.	6,627.06	5,445.62		5.15	1,176.29
Poll	244.00	210.00			34.00
M. V. Excise	3,461.90	2,422.22		203.43	914.23
1951 Real Estate	4,052.08	3,392.26	12.30		647.52
Per. Prop.	1,240.57	1,117.88		12.40	110.29
Poll	18.00	16.00		2.00	none
M. V. Excise	744.37	680.51		44.43	44.11
1950 Real Estate	643.71	629.71	14.00		
Per. Prop.	4.00	4.00			
Poll	2.00			2.00	
M. V. Excise	15.91	15.91			
1949 Real Estate	125.56	125.56			
M. V. Excise	5.99	5.99			
1948 Real Estate	36.14	36.14			
1947 Real Estate	31.96	31.96			
Interest		143.93			

## TRUST FUNDS

As of December

Reynolds Fund	\$ 249.77
Taylor Library Fund	381.34
Eldridge Fund	1,218.24
Hiram Whitman Fund	426.35
Noah Gardner Fund	130.18
Taylor Cemetery Fund	137.19
Central School Fund	7,233.88
Hancock Cemetery Lots Fund	242.40
Six Victory Bonds—\$1,000.00 each at maturity	

Respectfully submitted,

JENNIE G. WHITMAN

*Collector and Treasurer.*

**ASSESSORS' REPORT****For the Year Ending December 31, 1952**

Number of persons assessed	Individuals	All Others	Total
On personal estate only	36	7	43
On real estate only	95	2	97
On both real and personal estate	88	0	88
Total number of persons assessed			228
Number of polls assessed			122

**Value of assessed personal estate**

Stock in trade	\$ 13,650.00
Machinery	104,225.00
Live stock	56,545.00
All other tangible personal property	26,500.00

Total value of assessed personal estate	\$200,920.00
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**Value of assessed real estate**

Land exclusive of buildings	\$237,245.00
Buildings exclusive of land	328,390.00

Total value of assessed real estate	\$565,635.00
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Total value of assessed estate	\$766,555.00
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**Tax Rate per \$1,000—\$33.00****Taxes for State, County and Town purposes including overlay**

On personal estate	\$ 6,630.36
On real estate	18,995.95
On polls	244.00

Total taxes assessed	\$25,870.31
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**Town Appropriations**

Appropriations voted at annual Town Meeting	\$45,785.08
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**Total appropriations voted to be taken from available funds**

(a) in 1952	6,582.82
(b) in 1951 since 1951 tax rate was fixed	1,000.00

Total	\$53,367.90
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State—Tax and Assessments		
Parks and Reservations	\$ 70.52	
State Audit	572.90	
State examination of retirement system	165.44	
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Total		\$808.86
County Tax	\$2,031.33	\$2,031.33
Overlay of current year		1,303.77
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Gross amount to be raised		\$57,511.86

#### Estimated Receipts

Income Tax	\$5,368.28
Corporation Tax	1,279.50
Reimbursement on account of Public owned land	1,789.67
Old Age Tax (meals) Chap. 64B-S10	207.36
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	2,000.00
Licenses	1,539.00
Fines	15.00
Health and Sanitation	50.00
A.D.C.—(other than Fed. Grants)	1,023.94
O.A.A.—(other than Fed. Grants)	5,504.74
Schools	5,000.00
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	\$23,777.49

#### Over estimates of previous year to be used as available funds

(a) County Tax	\$208.85
(b) Parks and Reservation	4.62
(c) Berkshire Co. Project	67.77
Voted from available funds	7,582.82
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Total available funds	\$31,641.55	\$31,641.55
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#### Total amount to be raised by Taxation on Polls and

Property		\$25,870.31
Received from Polls	\$ 244.00	
Tax on Personal Estate	6,630.36	
Tax on Real Estate	18,995.95	
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Total taxes levied on Polls and Property		\$25,870.31
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**Motor Vehicle Excise**

Number of cars assessed	210
Value of cars assessed	\$80,040.00
Excise Tax	3,461.70

**Number and Kind of Live Stock Assessed**

Horses (1 yr. old or over)	32
Neat cattle (1 year old or over) Cows (milch)	361
Bulls 12—2 year olds—35 Yearling Steers—3 Yearling Heifers	65
Swine	5
Sheep	4
Fowls	811
Goats	3
Acres of land assessed	17,998
Dwelling houses assessed	148

Respectfully submitted,

C. WELLS CONKLIN  
HOWARD D. WHITMAN  
HENRY O. RODDA

*Assessors of Hancock.*

**TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**  
**For the Year Ending December 31, 1952**

**VITAL STATISTICS**

**Marriages**

Arthur L. Jenks and Leona F. O'Malley	January 19, 1952
Ralph R. Lillie, Jr. and Blanche Mac Rathbun	July 11, 1952

**Births**

John Louis Roberts	February 13, 1952
Susan Dorothy Nicholson	February 4, 1952
David Kenneth Conklin	April 29, 1952
Daniel Nelson Pepoon	April 29, 1952
Robert Alan Smith	July 8, 1952
Richard Lawrence Ostrander	October 28, 1952
Paul Gilbert Koepp	December 15, 1952
Priscilla Ann Winters	December 18, 1952

**Deaths**

John Thomas Weiss	January 16, 1952
Irving Elwood Pratt	August 9, 1952
George Lawrence Demary	August 19, 1952
Helen Mary Lippine	November 18, 1952
Jerry John Smith	December 28, 1952

At the close of registration on January 13, 1953 there were two hundred and forty-two (242) registered voters in the Town of Hancock.

**Hunting—Fishing—Trapping Licenses 1952**

No. 1	Resident citizen's fishing licenses	15	\$ 45.00
No. 2	Resident citizen's hunting licenses	36	108.00
No. 3	Resident citizen's sporting licenses	30	150.00
No. 4	Resident citizen's minor fishing	5	5.00
No. 4A	Resident citizen's female fishing licenses	6	12.00
No. 5	Resident citizen's minor trapping licenses	1	2.00
No. 6	Resident citizen's trapping license	0	
No. 7	Special non-resident fishing license	0	
No. 8	Non-resident citizen's minor fishing license	0	
No. 9	Non-resident citizen's fishing licenses	2	15.00
No. 9	Resident alien fishing licenses	0	
No. 10	Non-resident citizen's hunting licenses	7	105.00
No. 10	Non-resident citizen's trapping licenses	1	15.00
No. 11	Non-resident citizen's sporting license	0	
No. 12	Duplicate	0	
No. 14	Non-resident Military or Naval Sporting	0	
No. 15	Resident citizen's sporting licenses free	5	
No. 16	Resident citizen's military or Naval sporting free	4	
No. 17	Resident citizen's fishing Old Age free	1	
		<hr/> 113	<hr/> \$457.00
	Paid Division of Fisheries and Game, Boston		\$457.00

**Dog Licenses**

Number of licenses issued	100	
Number of males	63	
Number of females	15	
Number of spayed females	19	
Kennel licenses	2	
Military dog license free	1	
Paid Town Treasurer, Dog License		\$254.20

Respectfully submitted,

PERRY A. WHITMAN

*Town Clerk.*



## MINUTES OF TOWN MEETING OF FEBRUARY 4, 1952

Art. 2—Voted to accept Town Report as Printed.

Art. 3—Voted to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue of the financial year beginning Jan. 1, 1952 and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 14, General Laws.

Art. 4—Voted to accept the list of Jurors as made out and posted by the Selectmen

Robert G. Blair  
H. Edgar Whitman  
Clarence W. Brewer  
Charles Christiansen

George S. Love  
Louis J. Dee  
Henry O. Rodda  
Perry A. Whitman

Art. 5—See Town Officers' salaries.

Art. 6—Voted to increase the salary of the Moderator Five dollars.

Art. 7—Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand five hundred and fifty-seven dollars for Town Officers' salaries (\$2,557.00).

Art. 8—Voted to pass over this Article.

Art. 9—Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint one of its members as Superintendent of Streets, to the Board of Public Welfare and Old Age Assistance and Aid to Dependent Children, and Inspector of Animals, salary or remuneration to be fixed in the above vote.

Art. 10—Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for Memorial Day, the American Legion Auxiliary to have charge of same.

Art. 11—Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand four hundred five dollars (\$1,405.00) as requested by the State Department to be used under Chapter 81.

Art. 12—Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,500.00) for removing snow and care of winter roads and snow fence.

Art. 13—Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of eight hundred dollars (\$800.00) for Chapter 90 Maintenance.

Art. 14—Voted to appropriate five hundred dollars (\$500.00) from the Free Cash in the Treasury for Chapter 90 Construction.

Art. 15—Voted to pay Town Laborers one dollar (\$1.00) per hour.

Art. 16—Voted to pay Highway Superintendent one dollar thirty cents (\$1.30) per hour and furnish his own transportation.

Art. 17—Voted to raise and appropriate one thousand two hundred fifty dollars (\$1,250.00) for Disability Assistance.

Art. 18—Voted to raise and appropriate two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for Administration of Disability Assistance.

Art. 19—Voted to raise and appropriate four thousand two hundred dollars (\$4,200.00) for Aid to Dependent Children.

Art. 20—Voted to raise and appropriate three hundred dollars (\$300.00) for the administration expenses of Aid to Dependent Children.

Art. 21—Voted to raise and appropriate one thousand three hundred dollars (\$1,300.00) for Board of Public Welfare.

Art. 22—Voted to raise and appropriate four thousand five hundred dollars (\$4,500.00) for Old Age Assistance.

Art. 23—Voted to raise and appropriate five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for the administration expense of Old Age Assistance.

Art. 24—Voted to raise and appropriate two hundred sixty dollars (\$260.00) for Workman's Liability Insurance.

Art. 25—Voted to raise and appropriate seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) for a Doctor as a member of our Board of Health and to examine School Children.

Art. 26—Voted to appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for the building fund of a new Central School, from the Free Cash in the Treasury.

Art. 27—Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of nineteen thousand nine hundred six dollars (\$19,906.00) for schools.

Art. 28—Voted to raise and appropriate three hundred dollars (\$300.00) for books and maintenance of Library and grounds, also the dog fund \$182.65.

Art. 29—Voted to raise and appropriate five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for upkeep of Cemetery.

Art. 30—Voted to raise and appropriate one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for Forest Fires and Equipment.

Art. 31—Voted to raise and appropriate twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200.00) for Contingent Expenses.

Art. 32—Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) to be used by the Tree Warden.

Art. 33—Voted to appropriate one thousand four hundred dollars (\$1,400.00) from the Overlay surplus account for the Reserve Fund.

Art. 34—Voted to raise and appropriate two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) for the Board of Health.

Art. 35—Voted to raise and appropriate two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) for the maintenance, operation and housing of the Fire Engine.

Art. 36—Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of forty dollars (\$40.00) for 4-H Club work, two dollars per member.

Art. 37—Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) for Community Christmas, the Home and Community Service Committee of Hancock Grange to have charge of same.

Art. 38—Voted to appropriate from the free cash in treasury ten thousand eight hundred dollars (\$10,800.00) to provide for the State's and County's shares of the cost of Chapter 81 and 90 highway work, said sum to be restored to free cash upon receipt of the reimbursements from the State and County.

Art. 39—Voted to raise and appropriate two hundred forty-four dollars and eighty-six cents (\$244.86) as requested by the County Commissioners for retirement board expense.

Art. 40—Voted to raise and appropriate one hundred seven dollars and seventy-four cents (\$107.74) for Dutch Elm Disease control.

Art. 41—Voted to raise and appropriate two hundred sixty-four dollars (\$264.00) for street lights.

Art. 42—Voted to raise and appropriate two hundred fifteen dollars and forty-eight cents (\$215.48) for Gypsy Moth Control Work as requested under Mass. General Laws, Chap. 132.

Art. 43—Voted to appropriate from the Free Cash in the Treasury the following sums to pay unpaid bills Old Age Assistance \$1,150.17, Dept. Public Welfare \$3,750.00.

Art. 44—Voted no action be taken on this Article.

Art. 45—Voted to lay this Article on the table.

Art. 46—Voted to retain the present Central School Committee Augusta D. Whitman, Howard Christiansen, Edward Freehoffer, C. Wells Conklin, Henry Rabouin.

Art. 47—Voted to raise and appropriate ten dollars (\$10.00) and appoint an official to make a copy of the Tax Valuations on Real Estate and leave in a public place available to all. It was voted that Augusta D. Whitman make this copy.

Art. 48—Voted to lay this Article on the table.

Art. 49—Voted to lay this Article on the table with no further discussion.

Art. 50—Under this Article Henry Rabouin was appointed to a Zoning Committee and that he is to appoint two more members to serve with him and bring in a report.

## REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS AND STABLES

To the Board of Health:

I herewith submit my report as Inspector of Animals for the year ending December 31.

346 Milk Cows 2 years and over  
 128 Heifers, 1 year to 2 years  
 121 Heifer Calves under 1 year  
 22 Bulls  
   9 Steers  
 31 Horses  
   5 Goats  
   3 Sheep  
 24 Swine  
 36 Stables inspected and found clean  
   3 Cows came intestate  
 No reactors reported this year.

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD L. CHRISTIANSEN,  
*Inspector of Animals.*

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## REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

To the Board of Health:

I herewith submit my report as Inspector of Slaughtering for the year ending December 31, 1952.

Inspected and passed 33 hogs.

Respectfully submitted,

MARK D. GOULD  
*Inspector of Slaughtering.*



## REPORT OF THE WESTERN BERKSHIRE WELFARE DISTRICT

The towns of Lanesborough, Hancock and New Ashford voted, at previous town meetings, to join a Welfare District. This action was carried out during the spring of 1952 at several meetings of the Boards of Public Welfare of the three towns. A member of the Board of Public Welfare from each town was appointed to serve on the District Committee. This Committee consists of Arthur Campbell of Lanesborough as Chairman, Cecile Love of New Ashford as Secretary and Henry Blair of Hancock as the third Committee member. The Committee meets monthly to authorize expenditures, approve warrants, hear the Agent's report and discuss policies and procedures concerning the efficient operation of the District. The Western Berkshire Welfare District started operating officially on July 1, 1952.

From a financial viewpoint, the advisability of forming a Welfare District has already been justified during the first six months of operation. During this period, it has proven less costly than the previous six months when the towns operated individually. The total expenditure since July 1, 1952, including office equipment, was \$1789.75. Of this amount, the Federal and State reimbursement was \$1491.47. The local share of the \$298.28 balance was \$89.48. This compares with \$235.16 for the previous six months when the town operated alone. The expenditures for the coming year can only be estimated, but it would appear that the local share of the District expense will not exceed \$170.00 for a full year.

Hancock has contributed \$565.00 as its share to operate the District. This amount may seem to conflict with the amount mentioned previously as the town's share of the cost of operation, but it was necessary to have enough money to operate the District until Federal and State reimbursement was received. This reimbursement has now been received and Hancock's share has been credited to its account. Future shares of the cost of operation will be deducted from this amount.

The lower cost of District operation, in addition to a full time Agent with regular office hours, has made a more efficient department which can better serve the recipients and the town.

The total caseload as of January 1, 1952 was 22. During the year there were 2 new applications received and processed, and 6 cases closed. 2 by death, 1 by transfer to another city, 1 by commitment to an institution and 2 through the recipients becoming ineligible. The caseload as of January 1, 1953 is 18.

I would like to express my appreciation for the help and cooperation extended to me by the District Committee, the Board of Public Welfare and the Treasurer of Hancock.

Respectfully submitted,

GRACE L. FOWLER, *Agent*  
*Western Berkshire Welfare District.*



ANNUAL REPORT  
of the  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
of the  
TOWN OF HANCOCK  
MASSACHUSETTS



*For the Year Ending*  
DECEMBER 31, 1952

## SCHOOL OFFICERS

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### School Committee

Dorothy I. Leab, Chairman

Ernest Maynard

Charles McDonald, Secretary

### Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Joseph Addison Wilk  
Cheshire, Massachusetts  
Tel. Adams 1792-M

### Teachers

Miss Florence R. Chittenden  
Mrs. Laura A. Page  
Mrs. Isabel B. Conklin  
Mrs. Nellie L. Cameron  
Mr. Louis Virgil Bedard

Village School, Grades 1-2  
North School, Grades 3-4  
Gorton School, Grades 5-6  
Village School, Grades 7-8  
Supervisor of Music

### School Nurse

Mrs. Ruth T. Bennett, R.N.  
Cheshire, Massachusetts

### School Physician

Dr. Lawrence D. Greene  
Stephentown, New York

### Supervisor of Attendance

Dr. Joseph Addison Wilk

### Janitors

Mrs. Johannah Hadselle  
\*Mrs. Alice Jones  
†Mr. Perry G. Whitman  
Mrs. Ruth Towne

Village School  
Gorton School  
Gorton School  
North School

\*Resigned June 30, 1952

†Appointed July 1, 1952

### School Committee Regulation on School Entrance

A child must have reached the age of five years by February 15th in order to enter school the following September. No child may begin school unless he or she presents a birth certificate and a vaccination certificate, or an exemption-from-vaccination certificate. These must be presented to the teacher on or before the first day of school.

**SCHOOL CALENDAR**  
**1952-1953**

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Opening Day of School—September 3, 1952

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**FALL TERM**

September 3, 1952 to December 19, 1952 inclusive

*Holidays:* October 13—Columbus Day

October 31—Teachers' Convention

November 11—Armistice Day

November 27 and 28—Thanksgiving Recess

*Vacation Period:* December 20 to January 4, 1953 inclusive

**WINTER TERM**

January 5, 1953 to February 20, 1953 inclusive

*Holiday:* February 2—Annual Town Meeting

*Vacation Period:* February 21 to March 1, 1953 inclusive

**FIRST SPRING TERM**

March 2, 1953 to April 17, 1953 inclusive

*Holiday:* April 3—Good Friday

*Vacation Period:* April 18 to April 26, 1953 inclusive

**SECOND SPRING TERM**

April 27, 1953 to June 5, 1953 inclusive

*Summer Vacation Period:* June 6, 1953 to September 8, 1953 inclusive

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Total Number School Days—171

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Graduation—Thursday, June 4, 1953

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Opening Date 1953-1954 School Year—September 9, 1953

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**No School Policy**

The Hancock schools will be in session each school day in conformity with the above school calendar unless the teacher is unable to reach her school due to inclement weather or other reason. Whenever storm conditions of unusual severity arise, the **No School** announcement for Hancock pupils will be broadcast over radio station WBRK at Pittsfield before 7.45 A. M.

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE, 1952

To the Citizens of the Town of Hancock:

Your School Committee respectfully submits the following report of expenditures for school purposes during 1952.

### Salaries

Miss Florence R. Chittenden, Village School, Grades 1-2	\$2,240.00
Mrs. Laura A. Page, North School, Grades 3-4	2,240.00
Mrs. Isabel B. Conklin, Gorton School, Grades 5-6	2,240.00
Mrs. Nellie L. Cameron, Village School, Grades 7-8	2,240.00
Dr. Joseph A. Wilk, Superintendent of Schools	1,080.00
Mr. Louis V. Bedard, Supervisor of Music	300.00
Mrs. Ruth T. Bennett, School Nurse	300.00
Mrs. Priscilla S. Conklin, substitute teacher, 5 days	50.00
Dr. Joseph A. Wilk, Supervisor of Attendance and School Census	10.00
Mrs. Johannah W. Hadselle, Janitor, Village School	320.00
Mrs. Ruth Towne, Janitor, North School	200.20
Mrs. Alice Jones, Janitor, Gorton School, Jan.-June 1952	120.00
Perry G. Whitman, Janitor, Gorton School, Sept.-Dec. 1952	80.00
Sherman Derby, Water Boy, Gorton and North Schools	20.00
Francis Trottier, Water Boy, Village School	18.00
Gerald Trottier, Water Boy, Village School	12.00
Dennis LeBarron, Water Boy, Gorton School	12.00
James LeBarron, Water Boy, Gorton and North Schools	8.00

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\$11,490.20

### Transportation

George Harold Hadselle	\$3,257.50
New Lebanon Central School	420.00
Dr. Joseph A. Wilk	120.00
John C. Nicholson	110.00
Suzanne Trottier	86.80
Donald Rancourt	63.80
Interstate Busses Corporation	46.50

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\$4,104.60

### Tuition

New Lebanon Central School District, New Lebanon, New York	\$1,185.00
Pittsfield (Elementary, High, Vocational, Crippled Children) Schools	1,125.88
Richmond School, Town of Richmond	320.00

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\$2,630.88

**Repairs and Maintenance**

Floyd Barber, labor at Gorton and Village Schools	\$ 48.00
Henry Blair, use of truck	3.50
Emma Blair, cleaning Village School	23.00
Robert Blair, labor at North and Village Schools, lumber	50.00
George Eichenauer, labor	1.65
Delmar B. Ellis, repairing lights at North School	7.78
Harry B. Hicks, lumber for Gorton and Village Schools	163.22
John Kalinsky, snow removal and mowing, Village School yard	10.00
Donald Leab, mowing Village School lawn	10.00
Dorothy Leab, cleaning school	17.00
Marjorie Leab, cleaning school	17.00
Robert Leab, wallboard for North School	2.88
Ernest Maynard, labor at Gorton and Village Schools	118.00
John Maynard, labor, Village School	16.00
Leon Roberts, labor, Village School	11.00
Marjorie Southard, cleaning Village School	23.00
Allen Towne, snow removal and cleaning toilets	9.00
Ruth Towne, kerosene and cleaning North School	31.00
Francis Trottier, snow removal	10.00
Henry Trottier, repairing Village School stove	3.85
Richard Williams, labor	1.65
John Wright, labor, Village School	6.00

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 \$583.53
**Fuel**

Wayne Bently, wood, Gorton and Village Schools	\$148.75
Robert E. Leab, 7½ cords wood	131.25
Allen Towne, wood and sawing wood	24.00

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 \$304.00
**Supplies**

Berkshire Hardware Corporation, coathooks	\$ 6.75
R. M. Beutell, wall maps	33.25
Brightwater Paper Company, paper	16.91
Carr Hardware Company	9.68
Cascade Paper Company	71.26
George H. Hadselle	9.53
J. H. Holcomb Company	15.80
Miller Paper Company	56.21
New Lebanon Central School	37.17
Park Street Drug Store	6.46
Edwin P. Shea, Venetian blinds	36.27
Walter C. Sykes	1.33

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 \$299.62

**Books**

American Book Company	\$ 83.16
Boosey & Hawks	8.28
Silver Burdett Company	35.51
J. E. Davidson Company	4.00
J. Fischer & Brother	7.84
Scott Foresman and Company	3.54
Lyons and Carnahan Company	6.88
Raymond E. Royal	6.00
Webster Publishing Company	4.87
B. F. Wood Music Company	7.57

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 \$167.65
**Miscellaneous**

Berkshire County Association of School Committees, dues	\$ 3.00
Eagle Printing and Binding Company, printing school reports	50.00
J. L. Hammett Company, diploma covers	8.21
Dorothy I. Leab, keeping school accounts and use of car	125.00
Dorothy I. Leab, telephone, postage, and supplies	18.75
Marsten's, Pittsfield, teacher's desk	129.03
Charles McDonald, use of car and supplies	17.98
Mike's General repairs, duplicate keys	1.50
Northern Berkshire Gas Company, lights	55.80
Reynolds and Barnes, insurance	33.03
Raymond E. Royal, graduation speaker	10.00
Stevenson and Company, insurance	37.91
Dr. Joseph A. Wilk, miscellaneous administrative expenses	5.67

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 \$495.88
**Recapitulation**

Town Appropriation for Schools, 1952	\$19,906.00
Transfer from Available Funds	505.94

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 \$20,411.94
**Expenditures:**

Salaries	\$11,490.20
Transportation	4,104.60
Tuition	2,630.88
Repair and Maintenance	583.53
Fuel	304.00
Supplies	299.62



Books	\$ 167.65	
Miscellaneous	495.88	
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Total 1952 Expenditures	\$20,076.36	
Unexpended Balance	335.58	
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		\$20,411.94

#### State Reimbursements for Education in 1952

School Aid, Chapter 70, as amended	\$4,421.40	
School Transportation	3,442.72	
School Superintendent's Salary	597.33	
State Wards:		
Tuition	480.96	
Transportation	141.40	
Vocational Education:		
Tuition	85.00	
Transportation	34.60	
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Total State Reimbursements in 1952	\$9,203.41	
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Total Hancock Expenditure for Education in 1952		\$20,076.36
Less Total State Reimbursement for Education in 1952		9,203.41
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Net Cost of Education to Town of Hancock in 1952		\$10,872.95

#### Transportation Contract

With the three-year transportation contract between George Harold Hadselle and the Hancock School Committee terminating on December 1, 1952, new bids were solicited beginning October 20th. When the time for opening sealed bids arrived on November 20, 1952, only one bid was submitted, that of George Harold Hadselle of Hancock. Mr. Hadselle's bid, filed in every detail in accordance with the requirements of the transportation specifications, was as follows:

New Lebanon High School Pupils	\$1,750.00	
Hancock Elementary School Pupils	1,750.00	
Potter Mt. Road Run	300.00	
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	\$3,800.00	
Whitman Road Run	8.00 per week	

The new transportation contract, based on the above amounts, was signed December 4, 1952 and became effective January 1, 1953, continuing for a period of three years from that date.

### Improvements to School Buildings

Several improvements to all three school buildings were made during the year, notably the protective enclosure to the main entry as well as a new exterior door to the Village School, a new rear door and jambs at the Gorton School, and the enlargement of the North School classroom by removal of the cloakroom partition.

Venetian blinds were provided at the North School and for the upper grade Village School classroom.

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In estimating the budget requirements for 1953, we recommend the appropriation of \$22,252.77 for school department purposes.

Respectfully yours,

DOROTHY I. LEAB, Chairman  
CHARLES McDONALD, Secretary  
ERNEST MAYNARD

*Hancock School Committee.*

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

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To the School Committee of the Town of Hancock:

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my seventh annual report as Superintendent of Schools for the Town of Hancock, Massachusetts.

### Foreword

The home and the community educate just as truly as the school does. A child who completes elementary and secondary school in twelve years will have spent only about 20% of his waking hours in school. He is learning from his parents, his church, and his neighborhood about four times as many hours as he spends in school. To be sure, the school deals with a most impressionable period of life. It serves nearly all of the population. It is the chief institution organized expressly for educational purposes. Nevertheless, the school cannot succeed in teaching civic duties to a child whose parents do not take the time to vote intelligently. The school finds it difficult to teach appreciation of good literature to a child whose home bookshelves are filled with trash. The school cannot as a rule develop self control and courtesy in a child whose home life is one long series of unrestrained quarrels and uncivilities. The school cannot teach prudence to a child whose parents fritter away income for purposeless extravagances. The school cannot teach children to respect public property if the children see their parents deface local picnic grounds and public highways with rubbish.

The public school cannot act every part in the complex drama of education. Any hope on the part of the general public that schools can do the whole job unaided is doomed to disappointment. Any attempt on the part of the teaching profession to assume such a staggering responsibility would be certain to end in frustration. The teachers in the schools need partners in this and every community.

### Teachers and Instruction

The faculty of the Hancock schools remained unchanged during 1952. The four teachers remained at the same schools to which they had been assigned the last two years. In order to alleviate the overcrowded condition that prevailed at the North School during the early weeks of school last September, and to comply with the rigid requirements of the State Department of Public Safety, it was necessary to transfer the large Fifth and Sixth grade group housed there to the larger Gorton School classroom. In turn, the smaller Third and Fourth grade group was assigned to the North School. These two transfers proved to be a wise move as it appears that the overcrowded North School situation will be solved for several years to come.

New dictionaries were provided all pupils at the Gorton School during the year in addition to the expendable book materials required in all of the three local

schools annually. Large wall maps of the United States were provided the Gorton and North Schools.

To augment the excellent work being done in the music classes of the three Hancock schools under direction of Mr. Louis V. Bedard, Supervisor of Music, a good quantity of appropriate music publications were purchased during the year. The splendid public performances of the children at the June graduation and Christmas exercises attest to the quality of effort in this phase of the academic program.

Through the kindness of Mr. Gilbert H. Avery of Hancock, pupils of Grades 5-8 of the local schools received beautiful copies of the *New Testament, Psalms and Proverbs*, last May. The Bibles, pocket size and in gold embossed red leath-ette covers, were gratefully appreciated by the pupils.

For displaying outstanding interest in birds last Spring, the pupils of the Gorton School were recipients of four large bird charts donated by the Hoffmann Bird Club of Berkshire County.

#### **Teacher Salary Increases**

To comply with the amendment to Chapter 71, Section 40, *General Laws*, made by Chapter 69, Acts of 1952, whereby the minimum salary of teachers in communities of less than \$2,500,000 valuation was set at \$2,300.00 per year, it was necessary to increase all four Hancock teachers from \$2,200.00 to \$2,300.00 per year effective September 1, 1952.

Even with this modest increase in salary, the Hancock teachers remain still the lowest paid public school teachers in Massachusetts. I recommend strongly that much thought be given the matter of substantially raising the salaries of these teachers in succeeding years.

#### **Tuition and Transportation Increases**

Effective January 1, 1953, the Pittsfield School Committee increased its tuition rates as follows:

	1952 Tuition Rate	1953 Tuition Rate
Pittsfield Elementary Schools	\$179.77	\$201.69
Pittsfield Junior High Schools	238.04	246.00
Pittsfield Senior High School	249.55	278.00

Effective September 1, 1952, the Richmond School Committee increased its annual tuition rate for non-resident pupils from \$120.00 to \$150.00 per pupil.

Effective September 1, 1952, the New Lebanon per pupil transportation rate was increased from \$30.00 to \$35.00 per year.

# **ENROLLMENT IN HANCOCK SCHOOLS, DECEMBER 31, 1952**

School	Grades								Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
Village, Grades 1-2	7	6							13
North, Grades 3-4			6	13					19
Gorton, Grades 5-6					14	12			26
Village, Grades 7-8							6	10	16
									74

## **SCHOOL CENSUS**

Continuing a practice that has been prevalent in recent years, another complete census of the town's children was taken this year. The school census figures for 1952 indicate that there are 155 children in the Town of Hancock. These census figures include all children of pre-school age as well as those of pupils now in attendance at the local Gorton, North, and Village Schools or as public or private tuition pupils in the New Lebanon, Pittsfield, and Richmond schools.

### **Census Data as of October 1, 1952**

Age	Number of Boys	Number of Girls	Total
0-11 mo.	6	1	7
1	5	8	13
2	5	2	7
3	2	6	8
4	2	6	8
5	5	6	11
6	6	3	9
7	1	5	6
8	5	5	10
9	4	10	14
10	5	7	12
11	5	4	9
12	6	8	14
13	4	5	9
14	0	2	2
15	4	3	7
16	1	2	3
17	1	3	4
18	2	0	2
Totals	69	86	155



The above figures represent individuals whose distribution is as follows:

Number of Pre-School Children in Hancock	52
Number of pupils attending:	
Hancock schools	74
New Lebanon High School	14
New Lebanon Elementary School	4
Stearns Elementary School, Pittsfield	3
Richmond School, Richmond	2
Pittsfield High School	2
Berkshire School for Crippled Children	1
Darrow School, New Lebanon	1
Pomeroy Junior High, Pittsfield	1
Pittsfield Vocational School	1
Total	155

### MEMBERSHIP AND ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

#### Hancock Schools

1951-1952

School	Total Membership	Average Membership	Ave. Daily Attendance	Aggregate Attendance	Pct. of Attendance
Village, Grades 1-2	11	10.36	8.75	1,425.0	87.12
Gorton, Grades 3-4	26	25.46	23.61	4,026.5	92.14
North, Grades 5-6	16	15.22	14.68	2,450.5	96.21
Village, Grades 7-8	15	15.00	14.21	2,391.5	94.62
	68	66.04	61.25	10,293.5	92.52
					Ave. %

#### Perfect Attendance for Entire 1951-1952 School Year

Dale Christiansen	Sherman Derby	Dennis LeBarron
Raymond Demary	Howard LaPier	James LeBarron
Pamela Derby		Joyce LeBarron

#### Perfect Attendance First Half 1951-1952 School Year

Beatrice Ellsworth	Jeanette LeBarron
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#### Perfect Attendance Second Half 1951-1952 School Year

Rita Demary	Georgiana Miller	Norman Rathbun
Ernest LeBarron	Isabelle Miller	Leata Sumner
Doris McDonald		Henry Whitman



**Outside Schools Attended by Hancock Pupils  
New Lebanon High School**

<b>Grade 12</b>	<b>Grade 11</b>	<b>Grade 10</b>	<b>Grade 9</b>
Elizabeth Maston	Elsie Christiansen	Francis Bush	Jeanette LeBarron
Harriet Rathbun	Joan Hunter	Evelyn Ellsworth	Gladys Miller
Florence Snider	Marjorie E. Leab	Arthur H. Rodda	Francis Trottier
Thomas Wadlund	John F. Maynard		
	Eugene L. Wetherell		

**New Lebanon Elementary School**

<b>Grade 1</b>	<b>Grade 4</b>	<b>Grade 7</b>
Charles Kirk Hartwell	Marion A. Brewer	Vivian Gagnon
	Margaret Jane Hartwell	

**Richmond School**

Sandra J. Rabouin, Grade 5  
Sue Ann Rabouin, Grade 2

**Stearns School, Pittsfield**

Jennifer Ellen Nicholson, Grade 1  
Allan G. Francis, Grade 2  
Diane Helena Spaniol, Grade 4

**Darrow School**

Norman K. Nicholson, Grade 12

**Berkshire School for Crippled Children**  
James Garceau

**Pittsfield Vocational School**  
Donald Rancourt

**Pomeroy Junior High School, Pittsfield**  
Karen Louise Spaniol, Grade 8

**Pittsfield High School**  
Suzanne Trottier, Grade 12

**New Lebanon High School Graduates**

**June 24, 1952**

Mabel Edith LaPier	Joan Beverly Maynard	Alma Norson Whitman
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**Annual Tuition Rates Per Pupil**

**1953**

New Lebanon Elementary School	\$ 60.00
New Lebanon High School	75.00
Berkshire School for Crippled Children	108.00 (\$.60 per day)
Richmond Elementary School	150.00
Pittsfield Vocational School	170.00
Pittsfield Elementary Schools	201.69
Pittsfield Junior High Schools	246.00
Pittsfield High School	278.00

**New Lebanon Pupil Transportation Rate**

\$35.00 per contract year for each pupil

**Conclusion**

In concluding this report, I wish to extend my most grateful appreciation to Chairman Dorothy I. Leab, Charles McDonald, and Ernest Maynard of the Hancock School Committee, and to the teachers, other school employees, and town officials for their co-operation and interest in school matters during 1952.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH ADDISON WILK  
*Superintendent of Schools.*

December 31, 1952

## REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

Dr. Joseph A. Wilk  
Superintendent of Schools  
Hancock, Mass.

Dear Dr. Wilk:

During the school year of 1952 I made 26 regular visits to the Hancock schools and 8 visits for special inspections. 24 home calls were made to discuss with the parents special health problems of their child or children.

All children received the Patch test for Tuberculosis. I feel we are very fortunate to have these all negative tests.

The Massachusetts Vision test and Audiometer test was given to all children with parents notified of any defects.

Dr. Lawrence Greene, M.D. school physician, conducted his annual physical examination during April and May. A careful and thorough health appraisal of all school children was made at that time and in cases of defects, referred to their family doctors.

All heads and skin received regular inspections. Several health and cleanliness projects were carried out. I find these receive a great deal of enthusiasm and help in our health teaching. Several slide films were shown also on health and followed by general class discussion.

I wish to thank you Dr. Wilk, the School Committee, teachers, parents and pupils for cooperating in our health program.

Respectfully submitted,

RUTH T. BENNETT, R.N.  
*School Nurse.*

December 31, 1952

# GRADUATION PROGRAM

Hancock Public Schools, Hancock, Massachusetts

Hancock Baptist Church

Thursday, June 5, 1952

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1. Processional
  2. Invocation                      Rev. Samuel Walker, Williamstown, Massachusetts
  3. "Consecration and Praise" (Song by Cain)                      Hancock School Chorus
  4. GRADUATION THEME:
    - Conservation Farming for Abundant Living
    - Conservation Farming for Abundant Living                      Gladys Miller
    - Conservation Farming for Abundant Living                      Francis Trottier
    - Conservation Farming for Abundant Living                      Jeanette LeBarron
  5. Grange Conservation Awards                      Mrs. Helena Christiansen
    - Master Hancock Grange, No. 325
    - First Prize Winner—Jeanette LeBarron
    - North School Winner—Dale Christiansen
    - Village School Winner—Charlene Skerkis
  6. "Graduates' Farewell" (Song by *Lejeal*)                      Hancock School Chorus
  7. Introduction of Guest Speaker                      Dr. Joseph A. Wilk
    - Superintendent of Schools
  8. Commencement Address                      Mr. Raymond E. Royal
    - Director of Guidance, Drury High School, North Adams, Mass.
  9. "A Joyous Song" (Song by *Gibb*)                      Hancock School Chorus
  10. Award of Diplomas                      Mrs. Dorothy I. Leab
    - Chairman, Hancock School Committee
  11. Congratulations to Graduates                      Everyone

## Graduates

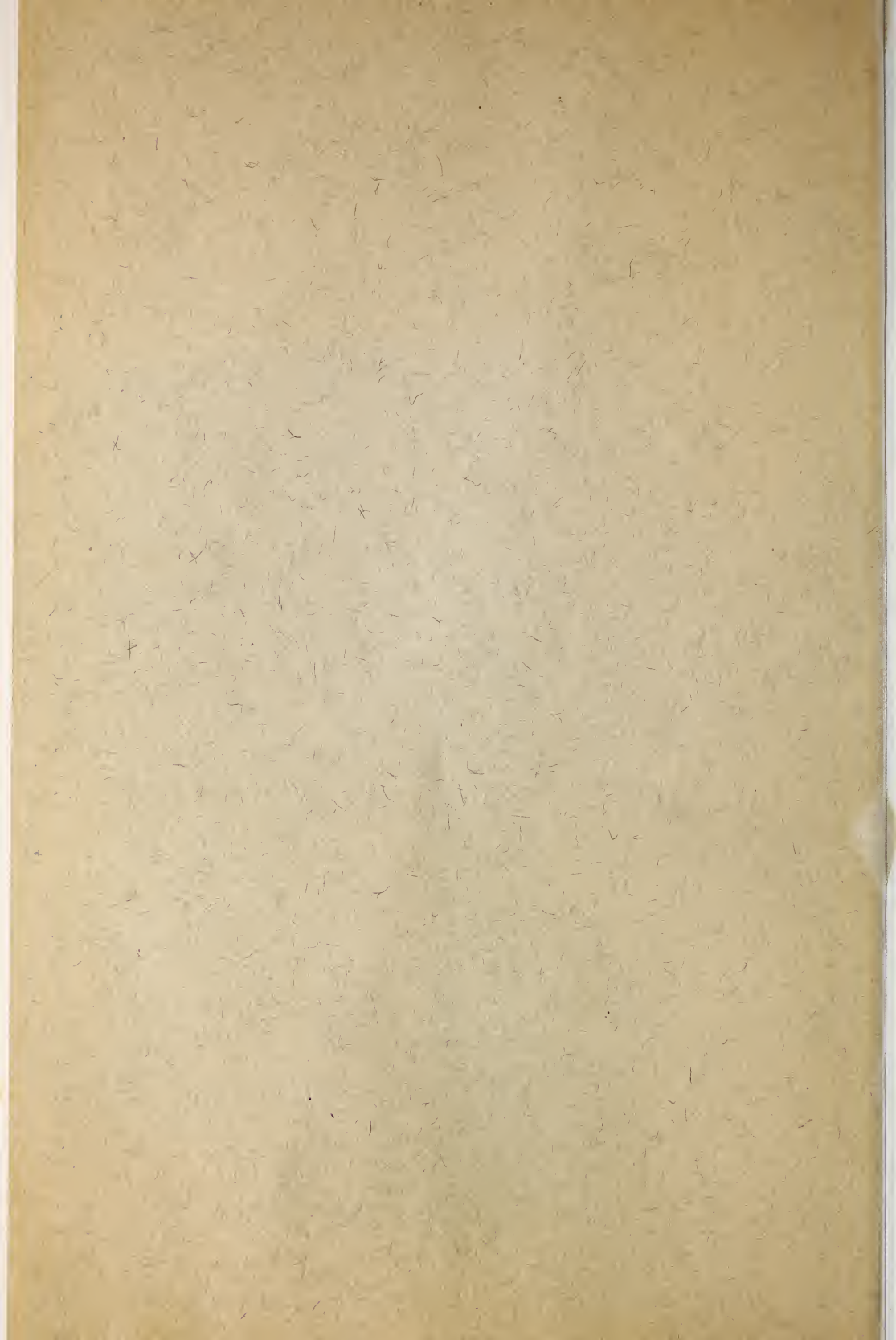
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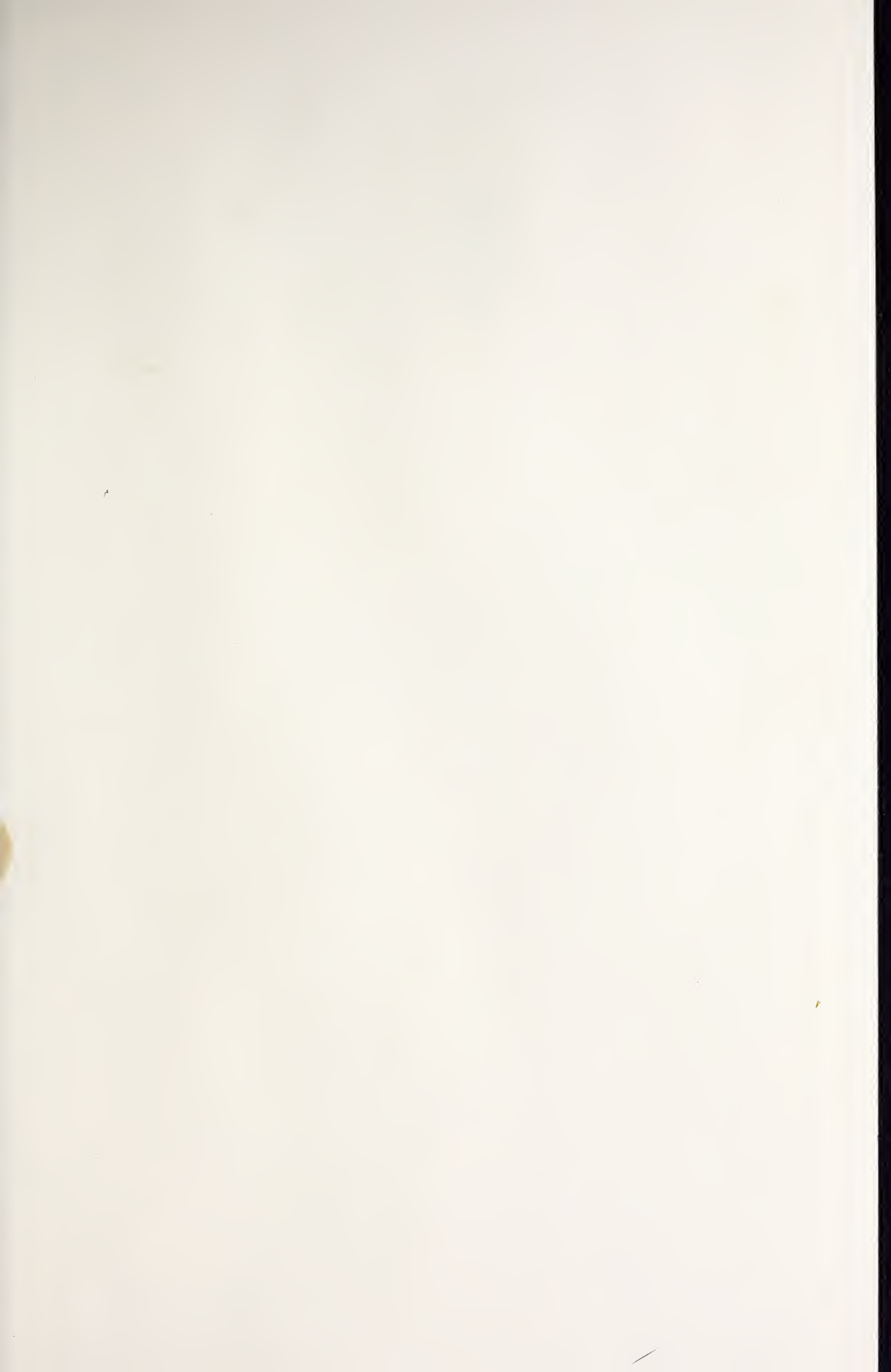
*Class Advisor*—Mrs. Nellie L. Cameron  
*Supervisor of Music*—Mr. Louis V. Bedard  
*Piano Accompanist*—Mrs. Perry G. Whitman













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